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'Strong Possibility' Atlanta Killer May Be Gay

By Jil Clark

ATLANTA — A leader of the Atlanta gay community who is working with the police task force investigating the murders and disappearances of 25 black children here said that "there is a very strong possibility" that one of the killers is a homosexual.

Frank Scheuren, national president of Dignity, told *GCN* that this latest theory warrants investigation. "From what I know as a gay man, many of the things they are looking at they need to look at. The gay community is not

being manipulated."

Former inmates at Georgia Prison who are classified as homosexuals and live near the locations where the bodies of the victims were found, 23 of whom were male, "could face questioning," according to a report in the *Atlanta Constitution*. In an earlier report, the paper said the task force was questioning a homosexual former inmate who lives near the place where Atlantans discovered the body of the 21st victim, 13-year-old Timothy Hill.

City and county officials are

stating that they have drawn no conclusions, except that there is more than one killer involved.

"There are no signs of homosexual activity," said Louis Graham, assistant chief of the Fulton County Police. "We don't suspect anything."

Beverly Harvard, assistant to Lee Brown who, as Public Safety Commissioner, oversees the Atlanta Fire and Police Departments, told *GCN*, "We have not discounted anything as a possibility. Yes, we're looking for a Ku Klux Klan member. Yes, we're

looking for a homosexual. Yes, we're looking for a prisoner. We have to look at them until we can rule them out. Everybody is suspect."

Asked to confirm reports that homosexual ex-inmates are being questioned, Harvard said she could make "no public comment on possible suspects or anything pertinent to the investigation."

Serkin is the reporter who, three weeks ago on *World News Tonight* reported that "Timothy Hill's murder may, for the first time substantiate the theory that

many of the victims were involved in some type of organized homosexual activity" (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 37).

Scheuren said that the "gay hangout" where Serkin and other reports later alleged that "homosexual activity" was taking place is "actually an abandoned house where [heterosexual] men and girls met and smoke pot."

Serkin, however, said "We stand by our story."

Spokespersons for the FBI in Atlanta and the local district at-

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'Rise Of Right' Discussed At Women and Law Conf.

By Denise Sudell

BOSTON — The November election of President Ronald Reagan and a largely conservative Congress is having a severe impact on the lives of lesbians and other women, especially low-income and third world women, participants in the twelfth annual National Conference on Women and the Law held here recently were told again and again.

"Feminism and the Rise of the Right" was the conference's theme, and it was echoed throughout the weekend at the Park Plaza Hotel, in individual workshops as well as in the all-conference panel of the same title.

The panel, held Saturday afternoon, drew a large majority of the more than 2600 attorneys, legal workers, law students, social workers, community organizers, and other interested parties who came to the conference.

"The specific target of the Right are poor people, who constantly remind them of the failure of the American dream, and their own failure to be human beings," charged panelist Demita Frazier.

Frazier, a radical black feminist who is director of support services at the Legal Services Institute in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and her co-panelists discussed the impact that New Right legislation, particularly budget cuts, is having on black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American communities. They also discussed the growing conservative mood of the country.

Right-wing attitudes are characterized by a spreading "insensitivity to diversity" and a "narrowing of the definitions of tolerable group behavior," warned Amarillo, Tex., attorney Betty Wheeler, comparing the current

battle for acceptability of cultural diversity to the Vietnam-era "struggle to get people to recognize Asians as humans, not 'dominoes'."

"It's becoming okay again to deal with people as faggots and Commies," Wheeler said.

Many, if not most, of the close to 15 workshops directed specifically at lesbians dealt with the impact of the New Right on the lesbian and gay community.

In a panel entitled "Legal Challenges to Discrimination Against Lesbians," Ohio State University associate professor Rhonda Rivera told a packed roomful of listeners, "I don't know how important it is to be fighting for affirmative litigation when I think we're going to be fighting for our very lives."

Rivera and her co-panelists, Rosalyn Richter and Margot Karle of the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, reviewed strategies for attempting to establish legal protections for lesbians and gay men, citing a number of current cases.

But Richter warned of a New Right agenda of introducing into the U.S. Congress "affirmative statutes sanctioning discrimination" against lesbians and gay men.

She pointed to attempts to limit the jurisdiction of federal courts, including the Supreme Court, in certain types of cases, including cases involving lesbian and gay teachers; to the soon-to-be-introduced Family Protection Act (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 36), which would deny federal funds to groups "advocating homosexuality" and ban the passage or enforcement of nondiscrimination policies based on sexual prefer-

ence; to an upcoming attempt by the fundamentalist lobbying group Christian Voice to pass legislation denying federal funds to school districts knowingly employing lesbian and gay teachers; and to the Helms Bill, passed in Oklahoma in 1979, which drastically limits the civil rights of lesbian and gay teachers in the state (see *GCN*, Vol. 6, No. 49).

Other workshops directed specifically towards lesbians explored the legal ramifications of forming relationships not recognized by the law, or with no legal precedents.

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Down For The Third Time Cal. Rights Bill Defeated Again

By Markalan Joplin

SAN FRANCISCO — Assembly Bill 1 (AB-1), a bill which would outlaw discrimination in employment based on sexual preference, met its most ignominious defeat yet last month, when the California State Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment killed it by a 5-5 vote.

This was the third time the bill has been brought before the Assembly, and the bill's author, Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) has repeatedly vowed, both in letters to his constituents and in public appearances, that he "will re-introduce the bill, year after year, until it is passed."

Major reasons cited by supporters of the bill were the sudden defection of Assembly member Marilyn Ryan (R-Redondo Beach), who had been counted on as an "aye" vote, and lack of support from the lesbian and gay community. Members voting against the bill were also swayed by a large letter-writing campaign headed by Rev. W. B. Timberlake of Sacramento and his right-wing fundamentalist lobbying group, the Committee on Moral Concerns.

Assembly member Agnos sees the defeat as "indicative of the terrible environment that human rights legislation is facing in California. I think the defeat signals a swing away from human rights legislation, for several reasons. First, the opponents have been extremely active. This year, there are more Moral Majority-type lobbyists than ever before. They had a

press conference in Sacramento three weeks before the bill was heard, specifically targeting the bill, and they worked in the halls at the Capitol virtually full-time against it."

Another reason cited by supporters for AB1's defeat was the lack of an organized lesbian and gay lobby. California Human Rights Advocates (CHRA), which was responsible in part for last year's lobbying campaign for AB1, including the massive March on Sacramento for Lesbian & Gay Rights (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 26), "has collapsed," according to Agnos, leaving gay people without a focal point for legislative activity.

This assessment was backed up by Cleve Jones, the only openly gay member of the Assembly Democrat's consulting staff, who said that CHRA "hasn't really functioned in over a year. They have not employed a lobbyist for over a year now. There is no gay lobby."

As a result, many people were not aware of AB1's existence this year. No rallies were held and no letter-writing campaigns were begun. The mail received by the committee, according to Jones, ran "at least 20-to-1 against us." Assembly member Richard Alatorre (D-East Los Angeles) reported receiving "thousands of letters" opposing the measure — most of them from outside his district.

According to Matt Coles, a San Francisco attorney who has au-

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NGTF, GRNL Forming New Joint Working Group

By David Morris

WASHINGTON, DC — A meeting to help resolve differences between the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has resulted in the formation of a committee to deal with the problems over a three-month period.

Meeting on Saturday, April 11, the Joint Working Group (JWG), consisting of four board members from each organization, decided to assign the task to a "Committee of Five," made up of NGTF executive directors Lucia Valeska and Charles Brydon, GRNL executive director Steve Endean and one board member from each organization. The board members will be appointed by the chairs of their respective boards.

The Committee of Five is to meet at least three times during the

next three months and will then report back to the JWG.

Friction between NGTF and GRNL came to a head in February when Endean sharply criticized Valeska and Brydon for urging Rep. Pete McCloskey (R-CA) to forego introduction of a bill to prohibit discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the military after Endean had argued for introducing the measure (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 34). The NGTF directors wrote that caution should be exercised in dealing with "emotionally charged issues" like lesbian and gay rights in a conservative congress and that the legislative effort could harm attempts to achieve the same ends in the courts.

A second letter from NGTF to McCloskey retracted the first letter after several other organizations joined GRNL in criticizing NGTF

(see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 37).

Endean argued at the time that NGTF had violated an established division of labor between the two groups by addressing a legislative question without consulting GRNL beforehand. The NGTF position, he further argued, fed into the hands of New Right opponents of lesbian and gay rights.

A statement issued by the JWG on April 13 reads, "We acknowledge the tremendously creative work of both organizations and respect the work of the staff and boards of both groups. We recognize the necessity and urgency for the two organizations to work harmoniously for the rights of lesbians and gay men."

The press release announcing the JWG statement reads, "Under the firm direction of both boards, this process [of joint committee

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News Notes

quote of the week

"It's traditional in gay bars and restaurants that workers have to put out for the boss, if that's what he wants. I know several employers who let known their policy that a particularly good way of establishing rapport with a new employee is to go to bed with him. If you don't, don't be surprised if you don't get the job."

—Gerry Dillenbeck, a waiter in an unidentified San Francisco gay-owned restaurant, quoted by columnist Warren Hinckle in "Hinckle's Journal: Workers at the Mercy of S.F. Gay Establishments," in the San Francisco *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 9, 1981.

none of their business

SACRAMENTO, CA — The California state senate has voted to repeal a controversial law that requires physicians to report sexual activities of unmarried female patients under 18 years of age to law enforcement agencies.

United Press International reports that Sen. Omar Rains, author of the law that took effect in January, argued that the disputed clause was wrongly inserted in the waning hours of last year's legislative session and violated the privacy of teenage girls.

He and others said law enforcement agencies simply could not handle the stack of reports of consensual sexual acts they would receive under the law, which has been stayed pending a court ruling on its constitutionality.

Basically, Rains' original measure was designed to require health and education professionals to report cases of suspected sexual assault upon minors.

He said that under his latest bill, doctors still would be required to report cases of sexual abuse of minors and cases of sexual intercourse by girls under the age of 14.

But the requirement that consensual sexual acts by unmarried girls aged 14 through 17 be reported would be deleted, according to UPI.

The measure was sent to the Assembly on a 27-to-6 vote, the minimum two-thirds required in the 40-member senate.

A lawsuit by the California Medical Association and the American Civil Liberties Union contending the law violates privacy rights of teenage patients is pending in the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco, UPI reports.

queerbashing in revere

REVERE, MA — Residents report an increase in violence, much of it directed against gay men, near the popular beach in this Boston suburb.

Revere Beach is a well-known cruising area.

According to two gay men who live near there, adolescents who gather in and around Captain's Room, a straight bar on North Shore Road, are responsible for "unprovoked homophobic violence" which occurs regularly on Friday and Saturday evenings. The two men told *GCN* of an incident in which they were both beaten by youths when they stopped to use a pay telephone outside the bar.

The two men report that police told them of observing the area for several months but of having difficulty breaking up the violent groups because their activities are too well engrained.

The two men urge others to avoid the vicinity of Captain's Room.

Meanwhile, Robin MacCormack, liaison between the lesbian and gay communities and the Boston mayor's office, urges gay men in particular to exercise caution as warm spring weather approaches, bringing the usual seasonal increase in assaults.

stick to the union

SEATTLE, WA — In a move described as "Not a strike against any store or retailer," members of General Teamsters Local No. 174 recently picketed a gay establishment here to protest the delivery of beverages by non-union drivers.

The Seattle *Gay News* reports that the picketing, also described as "boycott leafletting," by a Teamster spokesperson, occurred in front of the Brass Door Disco.

The strike is centered around a labor dispute with Premium Distributors, local distributors of several foreign and domestic beers. The company, owned and operated by former Washington State Governor Albert D. Rossellini, recently purchased Totem Beverages and subsequently refused to sign an area-wide standards-of-labor agreement already approved by several other King County beer distributors.

In December of last year, a strike was called, and "scabs," as Teamster officials describe non-union drivers, were hired by Premium to deliver beer to their customers. Outraged, the local decided to picket various establishments in the Seattle area.

According to the *Gay News*, Brass Door manager Rod Reinhart received several reports of verbal harassment by the eight delivery drivers picketing and leafletting outside the disco. Teamster spokesperson Rod Schmidt denied the reports, saying that the pickets had been given specific instructions on behavior toward homosexuals and on picketing that bar in particular.

help!

• The **People's Anti-War Mobilization** is planning a **march on the Pentagon** May 3 to demand no U.S. intervention in El Salvador and to stop the U.S. war buildup. A group of lesbians and gay men have formed the Lesbian and Gay Focus of the organization; they draw connections between the New Right's cutting of social programs, its attacks on alternative lifestyles, and its military buildup. The march has been endorsed by the Lavender Left, Dykes Against Racism Everywhere (DARE), and other lesbian and gay organizations. For information about organizing buses, benefits, contingents, or as an individual, contact the New York Lesbian Switchboard, (212) 741-2610; the New York Gay Switchboard, (212) 777-1800; DARE, (212) 691-7950, ext. 476; or the People's Anti-War Mobilization Lesbian and Gay Focus, (212) 741-0633. Or write the Lesbian and Gay Focus, 234 7th Ave., New York, NY 10011.

• **Boston's First Night committee** has issued a **call to artists** for ideas for the city's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Poet Rudy Kikel is asking that lesbian and gay artists submit their work for inclusion in the city's celebration. Proposals are being accepted for works in dance, music, poetry, theater, film, video, environmental arts, and procession. Proposal deadline is June 30, 1981. Send proposals to 528 Huron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138.

• The **Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Community Services center** has lost half their staff due to a cutback of CETA funds. The Center is asking for **donations of money and time, and feedback** on how the center should change its services to better serve the LA community. Contact the center at 1213 North Highland Ave., P.O. Box 38777, Hollywood, CA 90038, (213) 464-7400.

• The **Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee** is announcing that the **deadline** for workshops and cultural, social, political, or other events to be included in the 1981 Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration Calendar is May 1. The theme of this year's parade and rally, which will be held Saturday, June 20, is "If not now, when? If not you, who?" Anyone planning or interested in organizing events should contact Bev at (617) 731-6737 as soon as possible, or come to a planning meeting any Monday evening at 7:30 at the BAGLY office, 128A Tremont St., across from the Park Street subway station.

hollywood options *boys of boise*

HOLLYWOOD, CA — New Line Cinema has optioned the film rights to John Gerassi's 1965 book, *The Boys of Boise*, reports *Variety* in its April 8 edition.

Gerassi's book documented how an anti-homosexual witchhunt developed in Boise, Idaho, in 1955. The book, which 12 years later inspired the name of the radical Boston/Boise Committee in its resistance to a similar anti-gay witchhunt in Boston in 1977-78, is considered a standard reference in its field.

Gerassi, however, has publicly apologized to the gay community for the patronizing tone of the book — which was written years before Stonewall. In the book, Gerassi clearly identifies that the anti-homosexual drive is a reactionary political ploy.

New Line Cinema Vice President for Production, Sara Risher, did not disclose if filming dates have been set or names of possible stars for the project.

sticking it to the union

SAN FRANCISCO — Workers at this city's Church Street Station restaurant have rejected a union contract for the second time in an election held March 31.

The San Francisco *Sentinel* reports that the vote was seen by many as the first test for unionization of gay restaurants and bars here.

Jeffrey Alan Levenberg, attorney for the owners of the restaurant, told the *Sentinel* that the vote was "a tremendous victory for Church Street Station," and suggested that it may put an end to union efforts "as far as Church Street Station, and maybe as far as the gay community at large."

Union officials disagreed. "Certainly it's disappointing," Michael Koblentz, a gay organizer of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, Local 2, told the *Sentinel*. "Once again, when ten pro-union employees were fired in the course of eight months, we couldn't expect to win. It's a credible showing."

In a press release, Local 2 officials said that "although the restaurant will continue to operate non-union for the time being, Local 2 sees the Church Street Station as a significant step forward in the organizing of Gay Workers," according to the *Sentinel*.

The outcome of the election, the 26-15 vote, was nearly identical to a 24-16 anti-union vote by Church Street Station employees last July 7. The National Labor Relations Board has set aside that vote, citing "heavy anti-union animus" by the owners, and ordered the second election to be held. The owners and Local 2 officials also reached an agreement which awarded back pay to five former employees, and which allowed the union access to the premises to organize for the vote.

memorial for mel

BOSTON, MA — About 150 friends of Mel Horne gathered in the Arlington Street Church Chapel on the evening of April 15 for a memorial service for the murdered, former *GCN* staffer.

The service began with a period of talk and thought while a Billie Holiday record played in the background. Paul Harrison, organizer of the service, then explained that he wanted the evening to be structured like a Friends Meeting, and read a passage from *The Making of Americans* by Gertrude Stein, "a favorite of Mel's."

Richard Burns, president of *GCN*'s board of directors, read an autobiographical article Mel had written for the paper.

After the two readings, other people talked about their grief. One woman spoke movingly about how terrible it is "to be stopped from living before you have a chance to make peace with people." She also pointed out that twenty years ago it would have been unlikely that gay people would be able to hold our own memorial for a member of our community.

A man mourned the loss of Mel as a "roommate, confidante, sister and friend."

Another friend said, "Mel wouldn't want us sitting around here like this." She continued, "If he were here, he would say 'Go out and have a beer or something.' We should go out and have a beer and be glad that we're here together."

Gradually, people filed out of the church.

off balance

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA — The county library board has voted not to remove a display on "The Lavender Life: Lesbians and Gay Men in History, Society, and the Arts" from the Thomas Jefferson library here.

However, the board directed that the display be "balanced" with books presenting opposing views of homosexuality, and that the sign, presenting the exhibit's title in lavender script on a pink triangle, be changed.

The Washington *Post* reports that the decision came after "a mounting barrage of criticism" of the display from area citizens and "intense pressure from members of the county Board of Supervisors."

The display includes works by Walt Whitman, Tennessee Williams, Oscar Wilde, and Gertrude Stein. "There's nothing salacious or controversial about it," library system spokesperson Nancy C. Woodall told the *Post*. "It just seems as though people are becoming alarmed over something that's not very alarming."

But County Board Chair John F. Herrity disagrees. "The county government should not be in the position of encouraging people to read that type of material. . . . It [homosexuality] is against the law. I think it becomes a question of disciplining whoever did it. Absolutely."

The person who "did it," openly-gay librarian and Georgetown University student Charles Keener, has vowed to "fight the decision [to 'balance' the display] legally or any way I can. I think it's really unfortunate that they rely on the voices of a few bigots in the community. . . . You would no longer go to a Jew, for instance, and say that a display on his culture had to include books saying that Jews should be thrown in ovens."

upcoming conferences

Boston's Exodus Center is holding a conference on "**Coming Out**" on April 25 at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. Registration fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; reduced-fee scholarships are available. For more information, contact the Exodus Center, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116, (617) 266-0612. . . . The **Malne Lesbian and Gay Symposium VIII** will be held May 8-10 on the **Portland** campus of the University of Southern Maine. Fees are on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$10; housing may be available. For more information, contact Symposium VIII, P.O. Box 1742, Portland, ME 04103. . . . **New Ways Ministry** will sponsor and conduct a one-day workshop on homosexuality in **Milwaukee** on June 4 and again in **Chicago** on June 9. The \$15 registration fee includes tuition and materials; information and registration can be obtained from New Ways Ministry, 4012 29th St., Mt. Rainier, MD 20822, (301) 277-5674. . . . The second annual Tayu Grand Council, a **pagan spiritual conclave** for lesbians and gay men, will be held on the summer solstice, June 19-21, at an 1100-acre mineral hot springs in **Northern California**. The \$66 registration fee includes vegetarian meals, lodging, and the use of the facilities. For more information or to register, contact Tayu Grand Council, Box 11554, Santa Rosa, CA 95406, (708) 887-2490. . . . Kinship, a lesbian and gay **Seventh-day Adventist** organization, will hold its second annual conference in **Guerneville, CA**, August 16-23. For more information, write S.D.A. Kinship, International, Inc., P.O. Box 1233-V, Los Angeles, CA 90028.



Armando Gaitan

Susan Fleischmann

Mass. State Dems OKs Gay Plank

By David Morris

SPRINGFIELD, MA — Progressives won number of significant victories at the Massachusetts Democratic Issues Convention held here on Saturday, April 11, including passage of a broad lesbian and gay rights plank and defeat of an anti-abortion amendment.

Also added to the party's platform were planks calling for a moratorium on the building of nuclear power plants and for an increase in taxes on businesses to help offset the effects of Proposition 2½, a measure passed by Massachusetts voters last November which drastically reduces town and city budgets by limiting property taxes.

Delegates amended the foreign policy section of the platform to include a plank opposing U.S. military intervention in El Salvador.

The convention, which was the first official meeting of Democrats in the country since last November's election, resulted in a sound defeat for supporters of conservative Democratic Governor Ed King and, some observers feel, tends to counter claims of a massive swing to the right in national politics.

The lesbian and gay rights plank, which, like the rest of the platform, is not binding on the party's candidates, calls for laws to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, insurance and the granting of mortgages. Its provisions are similar to those of House Bill

4076, which is currently before the Massachusetts legislature (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 36).

Only one other state Democratic Party, that of Minnesota, has included a lesbian and gay rights plank in its platform.

The delegates voted down a motion to reconsider the voice vote by which the anti-discrimination plank was adopted.

Strongly backed by King and his supporters, the anti-abortion amendment, which would "support the right to life from conception to birth," was the only issue at the convention to generate a roll-call vote. It was opposed by 1333 delegates and supported by 849.

"Some great things happened," commented Armando Gaitan, a gay delegate from Cambridge. "The gay rights issue passed so nicely that no one even had to speak on it because there were no opposing speeches."

The lesbian and gay rights plank was filed with the state Democratic committee by the Massachusetts Coalition of Urban Democrats (MCUD) after a public forum held in Boston's Faneuil Hall on Thursday, April 2 to discuss issues not included in the original Democratic Platform committee proposals.

The forum heard comments on lesbian and gay rights, women's issues, the problems of Vietnam veterans, the concerns of ethnic minorities and other topics. Arguing for a lesbian and gay rights plank

NGTF And GRNL

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meetings] will re-establish the trust, cooperation and communication between our two organizations."

GRNL board co-chairs and JWG members Kate McQueen and Jerry Weller agreed that one result of the April 11 meeting would be a stronger role for the boards of both organizations.

"[A strengthening of the boards' roles] is the best thing that came out of the weekend," McQueen told *GCN*. "The type of conflict that has gone on before will not continue because both boards are exercising control and directing their respective staffs to carry out policy."

Weller said there had always been harmony and mutual respect between Endean and GRNL board members but that Endean "knows we're not yes-people."

But Dick Cash, co-chair of the NGTF board, said there was no conflict between the NGTF staff and the organization's board of directors. "I think [the press release wording] is simply acknowledging the power that the board has had all along. Perhaps it's more putting in use the power that the board has had."

NGTF co-chair Barbara Weinstein could not be reached for

comment.

Melvin Boozer, a member of the NGTF board and of the JWG, told *GCN*, "In view of the publicity growing out of the recent events, I think the boards want to assure the membership and the gay community in general that in fact the boards are in charge."

The question of increasing the influence of the general membership of the two groups was not discussed at the April 11 meeting. But according to Brydon, "There has been a hell of a lot more attention, particularly in the past six to eight months, in being responsive to membership comments and input and we have encouraged that kind of thing."

None of the JWG members questioned feared that the Committee of Five, with three executive directors and only two board members, would be dominated by the interests of the staffs. "[The current problems] are not a question of board-staff opposition," Cash said.

But Weller expressed reservations. "We [board members] see [the Committee of Five deliberations] as a trial. If it isn't worked out after three months then, believe me, some of us are much more prepared to take a harder line on it."

Mass. Gay Man Convicted Of First Degree Murder

By David Gillon

SPRINGFIELD, MA — A Hampden County Superior Court found gay man Wayne B. Healy, 29, guilty April 8 of first-degree murder after a lengthy trial that was often complicated by the news coverage it received and about which local lesbian and gay organizations have expressed their concern.

There were no witnesses to the August 8, 1980, murder of Frank Chalue, Healy's former brother-in-law, who was found in his Holyoke apartment at about 1:30 a.m., stabbed 17 times, his hands bound, mouth gagged, and his pants at his knees.

The prosecution rested its case solely upon circumstantial evidence, and the jury deliberated more than 30 hours over several days to reach its verdict. The conviction carries a mandatory life sentence without chance of parole, and an automatic appeal.

In closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney John St. Clair suggested that the murder took

place during, or as part of, a homosexual act, although no evidence was presented during the trial towards such a conclusion.

St. Clair, showing a murder scene photograph of the nearly-naked Chalue, suggested that the defendant was not wearing clothes at the time of the murder, and he asked jurors to 'use their common sense' to draw conclusions about what had happened.

Defense attorney Murray Shulman, in his closing arguments, argued that the case against Healy was inconclusive, and he implied that Holyoke police had lied about certain evidence. He said their investigation was careless and incomplete.

One of the facets of the trial that influenced the outcome, according to St. Clair, was that Healy and his lover, George Roy, lied to police. The two men first said that Healy returned to his home at 10:00 on the night of the murder. Further police questioning revealed that Healy arrived home shortly after midnight. Healy

testified that he lied to police to avoid telling them that he visited two Springfield gay bars following his visit to Chalue.

It was at that point, said Healy, that police charged him with murder. Healy also claims that he was not given his Miranda rights during questioning.

Medical testimony indicated that the murder took place at around 1:30 a.m.

Raymond 'Rosie' David, the owner of one of the bars Healy said he visited, testified that he talked to the defendant at The Pub on the evening of August 7 or 8. Prior testimony by Healy's aunt and by George Roy placed Healy at home on August 7.

On the morning after the murder, Healy said, he cut his hand on a glass that broke while he was filling it with water. Healy testified that Dr. Enzo DiGiancomo stitched the cut one and a half hours later. DiGiancomo, however, testified that the cut appeared to be at least

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Gays Crash Christian Rally

By Markalan Joplin

SAN FRANCISCO — "We have one divine purpose for being here — to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ before the city of San Francisco," spoke Gary Goodell, one of the leaders of Save Our Souls (SOS), at the beginning of their "Hour of Dedication" rally held last Saturday in San Francisco's Union Square.

They had a difficult time doing it, however, because along with the approximately 100 Christians attending the rally, there were between 40 and 50 gay and lesbian demonstrators picketing the gathering.

The protest was the first major event organized by the Community United Against Violence (CUAV)'s recently formed Task Force on the Moral Majority. The Task Force had been formed to combat the recent influx of SOS members and other fundamentalists who of late have been appearing in San Francisco gay areas, notably Castro and Polk streets.

Both Christians and lesbians and gay men showed up bright and early that morning. Noticing the large number of protesters present, Goodell asked for the SOS members to congregate in the back of Union Square for a few moments of prayer and song while the stage was being set. The

protesters followed and quietly surrounded the group, who sang hymns with their eyes closed tight and their hands raised in supplication.

After approximately a half-hour of set-up, the program got underway. Music was provided by an Oakland Baptist gospel choir called "Darrell Norman & Praise," which was well-received by both sides. Gay and lesbian couples danced openly to the music, while many of the Christians looked on uncomfortably. Other lesbians and gay men waved their picket signs in time to the music.

The picket signs themselves were many and varied, and a great many of them featured Biblical quotes, mostly attributed to Jesus. Other signs posed the Moral Majority, in keeping with Task Force director Randy Schell's tactic of linking all fundamentalist groups with the Moral Majority in the public eye. During the rally, as well as in handouts, SOS repeatedly claimed, "We are not the Moral Majority. We have nothing to do with the Moral Majority."

Schell believes differently, though. "We find that many of the fundamentalist churches and groups will actually lie to us, rather than have the stigma of the Moral Majority put upon them. In

the Bay Area especially, whether you're gay, straight or whatever, the Moral Majority represents a threat to an individualistic approach to living. When fundamentalist groups such as SOS realize that they will run into a greater attitude against them that way, then they will attempt to state that they are not part of the Moral Majority, so they can avoid confrontations with us or any other group against the Moral Majority.

"They (SOS) share the same views as Jerry Falwell, and we do not see a distinction between what Falwell is doing, and what SOS is doing."

Also present among the protesters were members of the infamous Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, who have been responsible for breaking up SOS street-preaching efforts in the past (see *GCN* Vol. 8, No. 8), as well as a group of androgynously-attired gay men who appeared under the banner, "Anarco-Magickal Faggots and Dykes."

A highlight of the rally was when "Praise" went into their rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In." The protesters formed a long line and marched throughout Union Square, breaking up Christian ranks and adding a number of bystanders to their

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Atlanta Killer

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torney both said that the connection of the murders to homosexual prostitution is "only one of a number of theories" and that Serkin could not have obtained his information from their offices.

Gordon Miller, assistant district attorney, commented, "I think a number of newspapers have assigned reporters to this story full-time. I think they have given a lot of coverage to insignificant things . . . and blown a lot of things out of proportion [in the process of] competing with each other."

Miller added that the media has impeded the investigation by publicizing clues.

Eddie Lamar Duncan, one of the recent victims, was found in his underwear, as were Timothy Hill and two other male victims. Some investigators believe that one of the killers may be removing the clothing of the victims before tossing them into the river in order to remove the "fibers" which the press reported had been found on the clothing of earlier victims.

Dr. John Feegel, associate medical examiner for Fulton County, has another theory; (reported in Boston's Bay State Banner): "We don't have any evidence of sexual abuse, but when you find a teenage boy in his underwear, you can construe that there's probably a sexual motivation."

According to city officials and members of the lesbian and gay community, over the past year the press has reported that the task force is pursuing a number of different theories — including that the killer is a teacher, a policeman, a member of a black religious cult, a member of the Ku Klux Klan, a Nazi.

According to Jan Douglas of the mayor's Community Relations Office, the task force has consulted psychics, one of whom told them the killer is Hispanic. Recently, on April 13, the *Constitution* quoted Mike Twibell, an FBI official in Macon, as saying that four of the murders were perpetrated by the parents of the victims.

Ray Kluka of the Atlanta Gay Center believes that the media has made the "homosexual theory" prevalent. "The media, not the police, are attached to the theory that the killer is a homosexual."

However, Kluka added, "Long before a gay connection was being made by the media, police officials were saying the kids were hustlers — coming from poor families and needing to make some money to survive. One was selling car deodorizers, for example."

Scheuren said that he believes that some person(s) on the task force is leaking information to the media in an effort to "reduce the credibility of the gay community because we have a mayoral election coming up in which gay people will play a strong part."

How has Atlanta's lesbian and gay male community reacted to the sudden introduction of the "homosexual theory" into the investigation publicity? Lesbian and gay male organizations endorsed a letter to ABC News written by

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Speaking Out

New England Lesbian and Gay Conference

By Kathy MacDonald and Mondo Gaitan
for the New England Conference Coalition (NECC)

People by now realize that the mood of the country has changed radically. Our lesbian and gay communities no longer face only verbal abuse, but very real societal sanctions and physical threats. The rise of the so-called "Moral Marjority," the Boston gay murders, the New York city shooting spree, are all signs of the times. So, coming together and gathering our forces is no longer just a pleasant and politically correct thing to do. IT IS URGENT!

On January 31 some forty eastern Massachusetts activists came together to discuss the possibility of a regional conference for New England. We decided to put out feelers and get input from the region with a short letter. Due to an overwhelming response to this initial mailing, we are making plans to provide an opportunity to meet each other during Boston's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week on June 19-21. We are working hand-in-hand with the Pride Committee to make this a successful and meaningful weekend.

When several members of what is now the New England Conference Coalition (NECC) were organizing for the now-historic March on Washington, one major problem we frequently encountered was that people could not see beyond their specific interest or issue. It is imperative that we recognize that we MUST work together in order to survive. And we are not alone. These very same malignant forces are oppressing many other groups. We need to learn how to form coalitions with these groups immediately. Not only that, we must look beyond our own political, religious, ethnic, class, gender, age, and lifestyle differences and form our own New England Coalitions of Lesbian and Gay Organizations. So, it is of paramount importance that we meet each other, gather our forces, enlarge our ranks, and support each other. Thus we make each other strong.

Please bear in mind that the following plans are tentative. We want your input and are definitely open to change.

June 19 Registration
Opening Session
June 20 March and Rally

Community Voices

thank god for pedophiles

Dear Editor,

I have just finished reading your two stories "PIE Defendant Convicted" and "NAMBLA Pickets Confab on 'Child Victimization'" and now that my stomach has settled somewhat, I wish to make a brief comment.

Thank God and all involved that a few years ago when I was still a child all people who turned out as well as I did were not locked away as I am for taking an interest in me. If all pedophiles were removed from our so-called society, I'd hate to think what I might have turned out to be.

Thanks to all my older partners who were there when I needed them. You were like the father I was supposed to have.

If only I would have known when I was younger that there were so many who just wanted to love me, who were locked away, I would have tried to fight stronger for your rights.

As it stood, I saw no reason why I should let a moral (?) society dictate to me what I should and should not do with my own body. After all, it's the only thing no one can take away from me and I can always honestly say is mine completely.

Sincerely yours,
William R. Graf
Waupun, WI

pre-season p-town

Dear Editor:

Two incidents calculated to set the tone for a just-pre-season Provincetown weekend:

1. Verbal abuse from a local teen hanging out before Town Hall, sneering: "What's all the leather for? (pause) You fucking shit!" Commercial Street is quiet the night before the crowds arrive and I am outnumbered six to one; the threat of physical violence is palpable.

2. Plastered across the windows of some stores not yet open for the season, stickers read: "Boycott this store; this store owned and operated by Jews."

Real friendly.
Bruce-Michael Gelbert
New York, NY

support our community

Dear Editor,

As a new activist to the Boston lesbian/gay community, I was both surprised and delighted to learn that Massachusetts has a reputation for being one of the most politically concerned and organized lesbian/gay communities in this nation. Their opinion is often valued and supported as a guide for other states and cities. This was encouraging to me and others new to the system who have some personal issues or agendas they'd like to present to the community. What I have slowly learned, much to my disappointment, is that apathy still thrives deep within the motivations of us all.

It brings to mind the early days of revolution in the late '60s. Many of us got our "basic training" back then. Often our cry of "apathy" towards government, military, and even our peers, went unnoticed. I remember the bitterness and frustration of demonstrations that only resulted in police brutality, jailings and suspensions from school (if not outright expulsions).

A lack of regard for whatever the situation at hand may be has often been the kiss of death to a lot of grassroots organizations with meritorious ideas. A no-interest census by the community today can become a painful I-told-you-so reminder tomorrow.

Take for example the National Conference on Lesbian/Gay Rights happening in Los Angeles on April 24-26, 1981. Six delegates and two alternates are representing Massachusetts. The elected representatives comprise a group that is not only co-sexual, but also voices concerns for the third world, handicapped, and lesbian/gay youth communities. It is absolutely outstanding that such a representative group has organized and is work-

ing together.

But before you get all proud and peacock-like, Massachusetts, you might like to know that after a month of fund-raising, donation soliciting and outright funding requests, the lesbian/gay community of Massachusetts can only find \$400 in its pockets to send these eight people to Los Angeles. The travel expenses for all eight would have been approximately \$3200. They were looking to raise \$2000 which is about 50% of the expenses. If every lesbian or gay man in Boston alone sent one dollar in donation to this cause, not only would it have financed their travel expenses, but an estimated guess would be that the monies left over could pay for a down-payment on a building to be used as a lesbian/gay community center in Boston.

With the new right rising, and Reagan's cutbacks (in addition to our own Proposition 2½) and the impending threat of the Moral Majority's fundraising efforts — \$3,000,000 to rid the nation of gay activists and lesbians and gay men — how can we afford to sit here and not show some concern for our future?

The time is NOW for us to rise up and show our strength and pride in numbers, numbers too large to ignore or put aside. The time to support our community is passing us by quickly, for without our support of our own kind, there is no one else to take up the cause. The time is NOW to unite and become independent, so donate that \$1 or donate that \$5 or that \$10 that people ask you for. Or donate what you can. Isn't it better to be out on the streets than in a closet?

Marsha Levine
Boston, MA

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fat lesbians

Dear Judith and RaeRae,

Your article has given me a lot to think about and work on in myself and I want to thank you both for that. I have a criticism, however. In the section called "Living as Fat Lebiens," you speak of how lesbians have accepted "patriarchal notions of appropriate bodies for women." Then you write, "On top of what remains (which is a wealth of hatred for fat women, disabled women, women with any physical differences and women of color) the lesbian community has added its own 'ideal beauty' — the tough little Amazon."

I question the inclusion of women of color here. To me it seems that you have excluded women of color from those who have "accepted the patriarchal notions of appropriate bodies for

women," and have stated that there is hatred toward women of color, therefore directing this whole article at white lesbians.

Many articles in the predominantly white women's newspapers are solely directed at white women, and this is part of subtle racism — exclusion. If you excluded women of color from your analysis because you really don't know about the attitudes of women of color on this issue, it is your responsibility to find out by talking to fat dykes of color or just admit that you don't know what the attitudes of women of color are, and then maybe someone will write in to the paper on that subject.

In sisterhood,
Chaia Lehrer, New York City

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Speaking Out

Meditations on a Murdered Friend

By Amy Hoffman

Mel Horne was stabbed to death early in the morning of April 9 in an utterly stupid incident, by a man who was trying to rob him. Mel was a passionate man who was full of contradictions: he was gentle, philosophical, witty and fair-minded, and yet full of rage — from a life of surviving as a fringe person, as a working class faggot — which sometimes came spewing out of him crazily.

When I first started working at *GCN* a couple of years ago my desk was next to Mel's. I loved talking to him. I think he was the first gay person I got to know well who'd been out for as long as he had. He told me stories. We discussed books and ideas and needlepoint. He helped puncture my young-dyke dogmatism and saw through some of my more facile conclusions about the world. Mel was deep-down convinced that his struggles as a gay man and the struggles of women were inextricable. He said in "Once I was a Sissy, Now I'm a

20 Years of Changing Clothes

The following article is reprinted from
GCN's Stonewall tenth anniversary issue (Vol. 6, No. 47).

By Mel Horne

New Haven, CT. May, 1959. I came out ten years before Stonewall.

I was 17, it was May, high-school graduation was a week away, and beyond the summer—college. After years of wondering, it was time to test out a certain definition in Webster's dictionary. I wanted to grow up.

For the occasion I wore chino pants tight across the hips, a blue oxford buttoned-down shirt, white wool socks (gym socks we called them) and battered white tennis sneakers. I carried a reversible jacket (tan on one side, red and black tattersall plaid on the other) tan side out. I headed for the Green, the historic center of the city, where everyone knew the queers hung out at night. I picked up a man, walked around the block with him for a couple of hours, and then went to his room and did it. He said it was the first time he had ever done it with a college kid.

Fire Island, Pines. June, 1969. I was 27 when Stonewall happened.

It was June. I had, the year before, finally made it out of college with the lowest average on record. I was being kept by a man as old as my father. The house in the pines was in my name; the will was relative-proof.

I walked along the boardwalk toward the Bay side of the island to see how some friends were taking the death of Judy Garland. For the occasion I wore garage mechanics overalls spattered with green house paint. I was bare-footed. My friends were hung-over and stumbled around the kitchen making remedies. Nobody seemed upset about Judy. No histrionics, no farewell imitations. No one mentioned Stonewall. I left and went down to the Botel for a couple of drinks. I didn't see anybody I knew — even the bartender was strange. I headed for home.

The next day on the beach somebody at the far end of the blanket says that he heard there was a humpy mechanic hanging around at the tea-dance yesterday. Everybody takes turns doing their humpy straight man suck stories. Construction workers, Fireman, Doorman, Cop . . . I tightened the string of my maroon swimmer's racing trunks and headed for the Atlantic.

Boston, MA. June, 1979. I am 37. I sit on the bleachers in my favorite bar with my fifth mug of beer. I have agreed to do a fashion piece for the Stonewall Special. After all, hadn't I seen 20 years of it? Twenty years of what? I try to get philosophical. I think about an incident that happened a couple of years ago when I was in New Haven visiting my parents. My older brother, a roofer, came home from work. He was wearing construction boots, levis, and a sweatshirt with cut-off sleeves — everything on him was damp with sweat and spattered with tar. When he came out of the bathroom after his shower he was dressed to go out — polyester double-knit black pants and a silky flower splashed shirt. I took my turn in the bathroom. I emerged wearing construction boots, faded, torn levis, and a sweatshirt cut-off at the elbows over a football jersey. Ma did a variant on her What Will the Neighbors Say speech, while my brother (ex-boxer, ex-con, roofer, and candidate for a degree in social work) yells about the usefulness of upper-middle class white women as social workers. Doctor's wives! he yells. I keep my mouth shut. Once again, Dad asks me if I've had a fight with my barber. I head for the Green.

Beer 6 and 7 have come and gone. My lover comes in to the bar and blesses me with an eighth and in return I unburden myself of 20 years of fashions. I tell him of puffy pastel sweaters, tight black pants, pointed shiny black shoes. I reveal the meaning of a loosened buckle on the back of polished cotton pants. I reconstruct the historical setting in which bell-bottoms and work-shirts emerge. I lovingly remember my pea-coat. I say things like, "The essence of gay male fashion is displacement: The removal of an object of clothing from its usual nexus of meaning to another." My love tells me to go easy. A lumberjack, two cowboys, a construction worker and two joggers walk by. A young kid walks in wearing chino pants tight across the hips, a blue oxford buttoned-down shirt, white wool socks and battered white tennis sneakers. Hung over his shoulder is a reversible jacket, tan on one side, red and black tattersall plaid on the other. I suddenly feel old and foolish. I head for home alone.

Sitting on my transitional period sofa (after Empire, before Victorian) I try to think of what 20 years of changing clothes means. I feel dumb. I rage over phony construction workers, while tugging off my construction boots. I throw my Muscle Builder magazines across the floor. Who needs cannonball deltoids anyway? Desperate for answers I get out Carlyle's *Sartor Resartus*. I flip through the pages looking for ammunition, explanations, meaning. I invent an interview with Teufelsdröckh, the philosopher of clothes.

GCN: Herr Teufelsdröckh, is there nothing to be learned from 20 years of changing clothes, or, as you put it in your great work on the philosophy of clothes, thatching ourselves " . . . over with the dead fleeces of sheep, the bark of vegetables, the entrails of works, the hides of oxen or seals, the felt of furred beasts . . . "?

Teufelsdröckh: "For my own part, these considerations, of our Clothes-thatch, and how reaching inwards even to our heart of hearts, it tailorizes and demoralizes us, fill me with a certain horror at myself and mankind; . . . Nevertheless there is something great in the moment when a man first strips himself of adventitious wrappings; and sees indeed that he is naked, and, as Swift has it, 'a forked straddling animal with bandy legs'; yet also a Spirit, an unutterable Mystery of Mysteries."

Chastened and saddened, I pick up my Muscle Builder magazines. I forgive all gay male lumberjacks, cowboys, construction workers, and joggers. I wish the kid wearing my coming out clothes a good life. I open a can of beer and wonder if I can justify buying a pair of Buns. Eleven bucks for underpants? I finish my beer and flop down on my mattress with my good-night cigarette.

I forgive myself.

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Gender Discord Boy" (an article he wrote criticizing sex-researcher John Money, *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 31):

Masculine sexuality, male gender identity, and male gender role do not constitute some neutral territory into which sissies can be herded without serious consequence: indeed, they form the foundation of a way of being in the world that has resulted in the degradation of women and in the relentless subjugation of all human and non-human forms of existence which do not, or will not, submit to its death-sucking vision of reality.

Mel was talking about himself in this passage, and he never submitted.

As I'm writing this, every time I put a period on some high-flown sentence I crash against the incomprehensible fact that Mel has been murdered and I'm shocked again and I can't believe it. I rebel against his meaningless death. To me, he was a friend, a mentor and a comrade. I used to be afraid of his irrational anger, but now I want to share in it.



Mel and Monty

By Pat M. Kuras

The tragic news of Mel Horne's death has reached me through the pages of *GCN*. I send my deepest sympathy to Mel's lover and friends.

I met Mel at a time when the staff at *GCN* was mostly male. Although the men at *GCN* were not outright misogynist, they were not very aware of the spectrum of lesbian lifestyles and issues. However Mel was pro-woman. I saw him at many women's demonstrations, and holding a candle of support at Boston's first Take Back the Night March.

I had a lot of fun times with Mel. He knew stories about more old time movie stars than I'd ever heard of. One of his favorites was Montgomery Clift. When Mel was a youngster the screen image of Clift had presented him with a new ideal — one of a *sensitive* man.

Mel was kind and caring. The last time I saw him, almost a year ago, I was unemployed and browsing through the Boston Public Library. I complimented him on the shirt he was wearing. He gave me a job tip and teased me not to cruise the women's room. Mel was a nice man. I miss him.

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from a review Mel wrote of Montgomery Clift, by Patricia Bosworth (GCN, Vol. 5, No. 42)

. . . For me Monty revealed in his film roles, especially *The Search*, the kind of human understanding that promised to rescue all of us weary, war-torn kids from the rubble of our bombed-out childhoods. That promise has become the stuff of myth and legend. When I first saw Montgomery Clift on the screen, somewhere around 1950, I was a fat, made-to-feel-ugly kid of ten, the school fruit, the family piss-on, torn between wanting to be a nun and an Indian princess like Debra Paget, and still a miserable six years or so away from coming out.

The only men I knew hit me, rejected me, egged me on to take up male doings and then went berserk with laughter when I fumbled and fell down. I saw in Montgomery Clift the possibility of there being another kind of man in the world.

I thank him for his promise.

Hanging By Your Thumbs

By Mike Riegle

About Mel, I'd just like to add that first off when I think of him I think of his wry sense of humor. Often, because the two of us were among the older members of the staff, we bantered about the age thing in the gay world, and this one comes to mind.

"Hey, Mike, how ya doin'?"

"Oh, not bad at all, for a kid."

"I'd hate to have been hanging by my thumbs since you were a kid." Really!!

Ritual in Honor of Mel Horne

By Rick Cotroneo

Let your body relax. Breath deeply, in and out, in and out. Feel your feet firmly planted in the earth, the warmth, the stable richness of the earth, comforting, solacing. Feel this quiet moving up through your body, from feet, through your legs, to your pelvis and chest, up through your neck and head. Feel your connection to the earth.

As you listen very carefully, hear a rumbling from deep inside the earth. Movement, rumbling, tumbling spreading upward. Foundations shake, unfolding, releasing earthquake. Feel this rage inside the earth moving up towards your body. Feel your body take on this rage. Feel your body become this rage. Earthquake red, yellow, orange rage moving up through your legs, to your pelvis, chest and head. Now begin to direct this rage, spreading outward, exploding outward send it off across the sky remembering, screaming, crying:

WE ARE A SACRED PEOPLE, WE WILL NOT BE VIOLATED

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WE ARE A SACRED PEOPLE, WE WILL NOT BE VIOLATED

Feel the rage slowly drift back to the earth, moving down through your body, returning to its deep source. Moving deeply, very deeply we settle into a new calm. Feel your body relax, feet planted firmly in the earth, feel the warmth, the stable richness, comforting, solacing. And find here a new courage, a new strength, a new determination. Slowly we begin to remember:

This is our love, we will hear its voice

This is our land, we will live here

These are our lives, we will cherish them . . .

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thored gay rights ordinances in San Francisco, Los Angeles and the recently-repealed ordinances in Santa Clara and San Jose (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. .), the hearing, which was held on Tuesday, March 31, was "the worst I've ever seen" from the opponent's viewpoint.

Testimony against AB1 came almost completely from members of fundamentalist groups, mostly clergy. At one point, Larry Cohen, a Baptist minister from Marysville, asked the male Assemblymembers, "Would you want your wives to be examined by a lesbian gynecologist?", and then turned to the female Assembly members and asked, "Would you want your sons in a Boy Scout troop that has a homosexual Scoutmaster out in the woods at night?"

One of the committee members, Chester Wray (D-Garden Grove), "was so embarrassed by the presentation that he didn't announce his vote aloud, but sort of whispered it to the roll-taker," according to Coles. Wray, the chair of the committee, voted against the bill.

Testifying in favor of the bill were Agnos; Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Jr. (D-San Francisco); State Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), himself the author of pro-gay legislation in the past; Ellen McCord, a founding member of Advocates for Lesbian and Gay state employees; and two parents of gay children who had experienced employment discrimination.

As a testimony to the merit of the presentation, Agnos revealed that "every member who voted against the bill came up and congratulated me on the most outstanding job they had ever seen on a bill presentation. Everybody who voted against the bill came up and patted me on the back and in so many words apologized for having to vote no on the bill," which led Agnos to the conclusion that the Assembly members were more concerned with the "political perceptions" of their vote rather than the merits of the bill itself.

But gay people had to take their lumps over the failure of the bill as well. Cleve Jones blamed lesbian and gay apathy caused by the relative freedom gays enjoy in

large urban areas. "A lot of people are feeling, 'well, I've gotten what I want; I came out and I'm leading this gay life.' Nobody should delude themselves into thinking that anything we have now is in any way permanent or secure." As a result, he sees the lesbian and gay community as having been "in neutral" during the past year.

Agnos, on the other hand, sees misdirection of gay money as the cause. "People can spend \$30,000 for the coronation of the Empress, but they can't seem to raise a few hundred dollars to employ a lobbyist in Sacramento. There is no support for a lobby in Sacramento, which is what we desperately need."

AB1, according to Agnos, will be re-drafted and re-submitted at the beginning of the next Assembly term in January, 1983. "I haven't given up. I'm going to continue introducing this bill for as long as I'm in the legislature until it's passed. But I can not do it alone, without the strong support of an enlightened gay community. And the support I'm talking about here and the kind of energy I'm talking about is the same that we saw manifested during the fights against Proposition 6 [the anti-gay teacher ordinance championed by John Briggs]."

Voting in favor of the bill were Alatorre, Elihu Harris (D-Oakland), Sally Tanner (D-Los Angeles), Herschel Rosenthal (D-Studio City), and Richard Floyd (D-Gardena), who had been considered as an "aye" vote, but who ended up speaking "very strongly in favor of the bill," according to Jones.

Voting against the bill were Ryan, Wray, Marian Bergeson (R-Newport Beach), Alistair McAlister (D-Milpitas), David Kelley (R-Hemet). An absent member, Nola Frazell (R-Huntington Beach), had previously expressed opposition to the bill.

In a related item, the budget for the Sexual Orientation Project of the State Personnel Board went before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on the same day as AB1. When the vote on the measure was known, however, proponents of the SOP budget had the motion tabled, due to lack of support. A new hearing date has not been set as *GCN* goes to press.

Atlanta

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Scheuren criticizing Serkin for equating "organized homosexual activity" to prostitution and murder. The letter states that "we are not talking about straight or gay sex, but about demented sex."

ABC responded by reporting on the news the fact that it had received this reaction from the gay community and reading portions of the letter on the air.

According to Kluka, a coalition of lesbian and gay male organizations is forming to prepare for the possible backlash in the event that one of the killers is found to be homosexual.

Scheuren told *GCN* that, by providing Assistant Chief Graham

with his knowledge of gay life, he may be able to expedite the investigation. He also hopes that the fact that he has assisted in the investigation will mitigate any backlash against lesbians and gay males that the arrest of a homosexual might instigate.

Asked to comment on the protest made by the gay Atlantans, reporter Serkin said, "It's unfortunate that the organization has such a jaded view of what's been happening here . . . and feels so persecuted in the reporting of these crimes."

He said that "no one at this network" believes that all homosexuals are killers. "We're talking about apples and oranges."

Dems OK Plank

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were David Gearhart and Steve Tierney of the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus (MGPC) and Beth Broderon of the Boston chapter of the National Organization for Women.

The anti-discrimination amendment was introduced at the convention by Elaine Noble, chair of the Boston Democratic Committee.

Its passage was a surprise to some supporters. "Frankly, I didn't expect it to pass," said Gearhart, a member of MCUD and MGPC. "What I was hoping was that we could make the gay

rights issue part of the mainstream conversation in the Democratic Party."

Gearhart said adoption of the plank will aid in the effort to pass lesbian and gay rights bills in the Massachusetts legislature.

In his keynote address, Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy commented, "At stake now are principles that touch the very soul of our national tradition . . . We shall not permit those principles to be swept aside by the negative appeals of the New Right — or by political forces who dare to call themselves the Moral Majority."

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A workshop which combined "Legal Issues in Alternative Methods of Conception" with "Lesbians and Children" explored the as-yet-unknown legal ramifications of bearing children by donor insemination. Workshop leaders Francie Hornstein of the National Health Law Program, family law attorney Mary Morgan, and Donna Hitchens of the Lesbian Rights Project discussed with workshop participants the possibilities of known donors claiming paternity and suing for custody, and of courts refusing to recognize lovers as rightful guardians in the event of the birth mother's death. Two lesbian, lovers who had each borne a child by artificial insemination, discussed their experiences.

The lesbian workshops, while generally feminist in tone, ran the gamut from moderate to radical. In "Career Options for Lesbians I: The Traditional Legal Sphere," participants hotly debated the political ramifications of wearing skirts and nail polish to court, while in its counterpart workshop covering the "non-traditional legal sphere," participants were more concerned with the issue of whether or not to pay clerical workers in collectives the same wages as attorneys.

Other workshops covered the impact on the lives of lesbians of the criminal, immigration, and custody laws; one workshop dealt with police brutality in the lesbian and gay community.

Cindy Rizzo, a Boston lesbian attorney and a member of the core organizing committee for the conference, told GCN that one of the most significant workshops at the conference was one entitled "the Politics of Sexuality." The workshop was an initial attempt to open dialogue between lesbians and straight women during the conference.

Participants in a lesbian caucus, which met Saturday evening,

echoed Rizzo's hope that more communication between straight women and lesbians take place at future conferences. They also suggested more structured opportunities for socializing and forming networks with other lesbians.

Other suggestions made during the caucus were for more workshops for lesbian participants with advanced legal skills, and for workshops dealing with violence between lesbians.

During the caucus, one woman rose and pointed out that only one lesbian of color was in attendance in the roomful of about 150 lesbians, despite the fact that no other conference activities conflicted with the caucus. "I think we should think about what that means," she told the other participants.

An eventual discussion of racism within the lesbian community ensued, with participants pointing out that a number of lesbians of color were attending the conference, and suggesting that white lesbians address themselves to the issues that concerned lesbians of color.

Fifteen workshops addressed the issues of women of color, a number of them conducted in Spanish. In addition, caucuses of Asian American, Afro-American, Latina, and Native American women were held, along with a general Women of Color caucus.

Tia Cross, a white feminist, conducted a "special gathering" on "Combatting Racism" for white women during the conference. About 50 women attended the workshop, described as a workshop "for white women to deal with our own racism in a supportive, non-judgmental atmosphere."

Other workshops offered at the conference covered topics ranging from ageism to patriarchy, poverty to technology to disability.

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Murder

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four to six hours old, making the time of the cut possibly the same as the time of the murder.

Expert testimony for the defense challenged the doctor's conclusion, saying that it is not possible to visually determine the age of a cut unless it is at least 11 to 12 hours old.

A small amount of blood was found on the murder weapon, but both an independent and a state serologist testified that the sample was too small for use to positively identify the type. Both testified that they could not determine whether the blood was Type A and Type B, or whether all the blood on the murder weapon was Type A-B. Chalue's blood is Type A, and Healy's type is B.

Throughout the trial, there were incidents of misleading or incorrect reports, which were of concern to the defense because the jury was not sequestered after an unsuccessful prosecution motion for mistrial. St. Clair said that

Rally

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number. Finally, the rally wound down and a "come forward" call was issued for those who wanted to "re-dedicate their souls to Jesus." Only two SOS members came forward, and protesters claimed the poor showing as a victory on their part.

"Oh, they were intimidated," said David Kaylan, one of the demonstrators. "They were definitely cowed by our presence. We were digging on the music and dancing and having fun, while they were nervously passing out their literature and giving each other reassuring hugs. Maybe it's

because we're more secure in our trip than they are or something, but we had a hell of a lot more fun at the rally than they did."

Schell termed the counter-rally an "extraordinary success," and thinks that it might dissuade SOS from making as many appearances in the future as they have in the past.

Tourists visiting Union Square also appeared to get into the spirit of the thing. One couple from England watched as the Sisters and the Anarco-Magickal group paraded by. Delighted, the wife said to the husband, "Oh, look; isn't it magic?"

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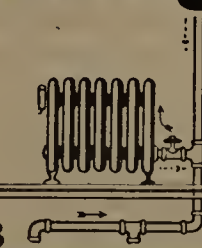


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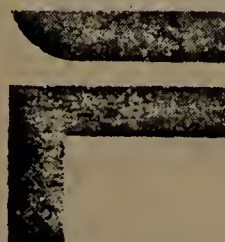
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BARNEY FRANK: Reflections of a Liberal In the U.S. Congress

By Joe Martin

IN HIS EIGHT YEARS as a state representative from Boston serving in the Massachusetts legislature, Barney Frank became well-known as a leading advocate of gay rights. His liberal Beacon Hill-Back Bay-Fenway district included a significant gay population. At a 1973 speaking engagement, he claimed that he didn't represent Bostonians; he represented "about 30,000 upper-middle-class gypsies temporarily encamped" in Boston. Aside from the media image of Back Bay-Beacon Hill that suggested the district was a totally affluent neighborhood, the district also included many poor, elderly, minorities and students.

In addition to his gay rights work in and outside of the state legislature, Frank was known to be a strong advocate of human service programs, civil service reform and mass transit.

In the legislature, his primary committee assignment was as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He frequently used a clever mix of quick wit and a seemingly "old pol" back-slapping manner to advance progressive issues. Frank has described himself as a "slob." His 1976 state representative campaign slogan was "Neatness Isn't Everything." And in 1978, his campaign literature, typed by his mother, Elsie, to be xeroxed at the last minute, contained the slogan, "No Picture Of Barney Frank Is Worth A Thousand Words." The literature, of course, provided no photographs of a grinning candidate.

IN MAY, 1980, POPE JOHN PAUL II issued a directive ordering priests out of elective politics. The act resulted in the decision of U.S. Representative Fr. Robert Drinan, a Jesuit, to leave Congress. Frank's state representative district bordered the Fourth Congressional district that Drinan represented. Within three hours of the Drinan announcement, Frank decided to move into the Fourth Congressional district and to run for the seat. The decision elicited a lot of resentment among many liberal supporters of Drinan who favored, initially, a liberal Newton

state representative who was also interested in the seat. But prior to the primary, state Representative David Mofenson decided to pull out of the race and support Frank. At the time, polls showed that had two liberals remained in the race, the seat would have been lost to conservative Waltham Mayor Arthur Clark.

Boston's Cardinal Medeiros injected himself into the race in the final week before the primary election when he advised voters to take into account candidates' positions on abortion. While the cardinal's office stated that his intentions were not targeted to any particular candidate, many felt that Frank was the main object of the statement. At that point, Senator Edward Kennedy — who rarely expresses support for specific Democratic Party candidates in state elections prior to the primary — made a campaign appearance on Barney Frank's behalf at a major campaign fundraiser.

In the election, Frank won by a 52% margin over Republican candidate and retired army Colonel Dr. Richard Jones.

A NATIVE OF BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY, FRANK received an undergraduate degree from Harvard College in 1962. He nearly completed a doctorate in political science at Harvard in the mid-1960s but dropped out — claiming his attention span lasted "only three minutes." He served as a top assistant to Boston Mayor Kevin White in the first years of that administration. He later served as an administrative assistant to former Massachusetts Congressperson Michael Harrington. While state representative, Frank obtained a law degree from Harvard Law School. He has also been a lecturer at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Boston University and the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Frank granted *GCN* the following interview on Sunday, April 5, after a reception given in his honor at an art gallery in Boston.

WASHINGTON

Is Washington what you expected?

The city is. I've been there before. I've spent a lot of time there. From the personal standpoint, the social standpoint, it's a lot of fun because politics is my major intellectual, vocational and avocational interest. It's a very political town. You spend most of your time with a lot of people who are very sophisticated about politics. It's an exciting, interesting place to be from that standpoint.

It's also mind-stretching. There is more going on than anybody could possibly assimilate. So you're constantly feeling very challenged and stimulated.

The part of the job I had not anticipated is the work-load. The sheer volume of paper-work and demands on your time in meetings is qualitatively different than what it was with the legislature. I've had to learn how to delegate jobs. I've learned that now, but I still have a little of a back-log which I've kept to myself and which I should have delegated.

What are your committee assignments? What are the specific issues you want to be involved in?

I got the Subcommittee on Housing which I was looking for. In Congress, more than in the legislature, committee work defines what you can do. In my case, I was on the House Ways and Means Committee in the Massachusetts legislature. Ways and Means in the Massachusetts House does everything. I could pick and choose what I wanted; I wasn't confined by committee jurisdiction. In Congress, particularly as a freshman, you're defined more by committee jurisdiction. So as I looked around, housing seemed to me a committee I could get and I was interested in. I was successful on that. So I'm on the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development of the Banking Committee. **And as for your current legislative interests?** Right now, I'm trying to protect low income housing programs, and moderate income, middle income, housing programs like Section 312 rehabilitation loans. I hope that we can work out some new programs that would be less expensive.

Secondly, I'm on the Judiciary Committee. One of my major concerns right now is to

protect legal services programs. I'm on the subcommittee that deals with the legal services programs. Those are my own committee jurisdictional interests.

Beyond that, my interests are the general public policy. Right now, more than ever in a long time in Congress, it's a question of the overall big issues. It's a question of how much to cut. Such fundamental changes are being made. Usually when you're in Congress, you'd focus on this piece or that piece of legislation because changes are incremental. Right now, changes are not incremental; they're revolutionary. The primary drive I feel is to get involved in those issues — basically trying to save as much as possible from Reagan's axe.

REAGAN AND THE RIGHT

What are the "interesting things" you want to do?

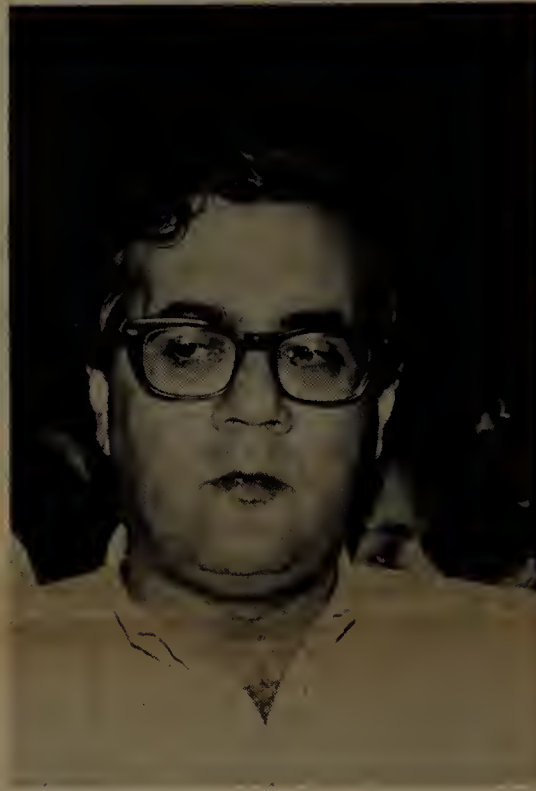
The public policy questions are infinite. You have Ronald Reagan who is an extremist, ideologue. Reagan is a very nice man. He's a pleasant, personable, unprejudiced, open guy with a great ability to laugh at himself. We forget, because he's so disarming a person, that you can be the nicest guy in the world and still be an ideologic zealot. And he is. He's trying to dismantle the whole framework of American federal government. He really believes, I think, that the government has no domestic role to play whatsoever. It's not simply a question of cutting back on this excess or trimming waste. It's throwing out the whole enterprise.

Newspaper accounts suggest that the Reagan Administration strategy calls for hitting Congress with economic issues initially, specifically the budget-cuts and budget-transformation. After that, the administration will go on the attack on social issues.

Pornography? Busing? The whole range of private-type things?

Exactly. What are your thoughts? Is there public support for an attack on those issues? Did you see the outcome of the fall elections as being indicative of a genuine swing to the right?

Yes, on some issues, it was a real swing to the right, but not on all those issues. I don't think it's Reagan's strategy. I think Reagan himself is much too generous and decent a man to have those high on his priority list. Look at him when he was governor of California. He signed a very liberal abortion law. When the Briggs Amendment was up (for a referendum) — that incredibly vicious, anti-gay referendum in California — he campaigned against it. He came out against it before Jerry Brown did. After all, he's lived among movie people all his life. He has probably had broader experience with people of different lifestyles than anybody who's ever been president. His friends have been people who marry and re-marry. I am sure, being in that colony, he has had more experience with people who have dealt in different kinds of substances and have engaged in different kinds of sex than most major political figures. There's no sign that he was turned off by them. I'm told that, yes, he has friends of various sexual preferences and of various lifestyles. So I don't think it would be his choice to press these



NEIL MILLER

At a benefit for Massachusetts Gay Legislation held in April of 1977 Frank raised \$100 by auctioning off a tour of the State House to be conducted by himself.

issues ever, frankly.

On the other hand, every politician is partly a prisoner of his constituency and has to pay some attention to them. A lot of the foot-soldiers for Reagan, a lot of people who did the hardest work are people whose agenda is primarily to tell everybody else how to live. That's the tension within the administration. They haven't gotten too many appointees, but they've gotten some. Reagan's nominee for surgeon general, Dr. C. Everett Koop, is a somewhat frightening man. He's an excellent surgeon, I gather. He did the surgery to separate Siamese twins. But he's a guy who has a very particular set of religiously-based ethics. . . . It's a religion that's titled to full respect, but it's not a religion everybody shares. Every indication I have is that he's prepared to force his religious values in the narrowest sectarian sense on other people through his position as surgeon general. I think that's very scary. If I were practicing medicine, I'd be particularly upset. This is a man who, I'm told, says that infanticide is now being widely practiced in American hospitals. Well, if I were an obstetrician, I'd be a little nervous.

ABORTION

In short, I don't think Reagan will push these issues too much, but he does have this political debt he's got to pay. What we've got are some of the crazies in the Senate and in the House who really believe that their primary role in life is to order everybody else's private lives. And they will be pressing them. I don't think they'll be too successful. For instance, on abortion — one of the tougher issues, abortion has been a loser for a lot of liberals as a political issue because up until now the way it's been fought has been whether or not we could prevent poor women from having abortions under Medicaid. Poor people are not popular, and programs for poor people

are not popular. No matter how people might want to argue that, logically, if you're anti-welfare, you should be for abortions for welfare recipients. That's not how the issue plays emotionally. It's not how most people think. Medicaid abortions were seen not just as an abortion issue but as pro-poor people issue. There are also some very conscientious opponents of abortion, many of them Catholic but not all of them, who say: "Look, I buy your argument. I will not impose my anti-abortion views on you. But don't you impose yours on me by making me pay for it through my tax structure." Now, I don't agree with that argument, but it has a lot of force and I recognize its force. That issue has carried. There will be no more publicly-funded abortions with federal money. There won't be in many states. There may be in one or two states that keep it up, Massachusetts and New York, for judicial reasons.

The abortion issue has now switched. We will no longer be fighting at the federal level whether or not poor women should be having abortions with public funds. They will not. I'm sorry, but they won't. The question is: Should we now pass, at the federal level, either legislation or a constitutional amendment which says that no woman anywhere in America at any time can have an abortion unless she's dying? That, I think, is unpopular. People don't want to see that degree of federal regimentation, particularly when they've got a constitutional amendment which might interfere with the I.U.D. or the morning-after-pill. So, I think the abortion issue is an example of the Moral Majority-types having had a popular issue but now pushing it to the point where it's going to become an unpopular issue.

I think they're also not going to get too far with trying to remove Supreme Court jurisdiction from certain issues. There are a lot of very conscientious moderates and conservatives; I can talk about some of the Republicans on my subcommittee which has jurisdiction over that. One of the things I did was take membership on the Judiciary Committee so that I could help fight against some of this nonsense. Some of those Republicans have said they are not going to participate in trying to take away Supreme Court jurisdiction. I think the Moral Majority-types will make a lot of noise, but they won't win.

"FAMILY PROTECTION"

ACT

They've got a ludicrous piece of legislation called the Family Protection Act which is the most interfering piece of government . . . Mussolini would have been a little bit nervous about that one. These are people who are talking about getting the government off your back. The next thing you know they're in your bed, sitting in your kitchen, going to school with your kid, and telling you everything about how to do everything. It's ridiculous. James Jackson Kilpatrick, who's a very decent, honest conservative, a man of great integrity, read that bill. He wrote a column in which he said, in effect, if this is conservatism, I'm a vanilla sundae. It isn't conservatism. I think people are going to rebel instead.



Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), 4th Cong. Dist.

GAY ISSUES

You received a lot of press for your involvement in gay rights politics when you were in the Massachusetts legislature. People in the gay movement in Massachusetts are keenly aware of the work you've done in the State House and in dealing with the Boston city government, the Boston police, on gay issues. What will your involvement be in Washington?

It got a lot press in the campaign, too, in the final election. The guy I ran against in November ran a particularly vicious, nasty, distorting and dishonest anti-gay campaign. One of the most bizarre things . . . He was a strange man in a lot of ways. Apparently, he was a very diligent reader of back issues of *GCN*. People who read *GCN* might want to know. One of the things he accused me of was having advocated that we set-up separate zones for homosexuals in greater Boston. I said not only did I think it was totally untrue, but it didn't seem to me that that was a pro-gay position. I didn't think the gay community was in favor of being segregated. I guess what happened was he read some stuff I talked about with regard to the police harassing people, for instance, along MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) property. I had said that police at four o'clock in the morning could find much more important things to do. He decided that meant I was for separate zones for homosexuals. I guess they would get a strip of the coast so that people could land extra territoriality along the Charles River and go right into the Bird Sanctuary. So there was a lot of campaign discussion about it but in a vicious way.

On the national level . . . As I said in the campaign, one aspect of my involvement with gay rights simply won't be a factor. That is, as a state representative — particularly from Boston, you're doing a lot of local stuff. My involvement with the police department was to try to see both that the civil liberties of gay people were protected and that gays were given protection against violence. There was that a two-sided thing that won't be much of an issue. The federal government does not involve itself in those kinds of activities the way state government does: questions of the combat zone, questions of pornography, questions of zoning. Those will be much less important.

On the other hand, the legislative agenda remains somewhat the same. I am a co-sponsor of the national gay rights bill that Senator Paul Tsongas (D-Massachusetts) sponsored in the Senate. That has been sponsored in the past by Congressperson Shannon, Markey and Studds of Massachusetts. I'll be joining them. I'm working with Steve Endean of the Gay Rights National Lobby on strategy. I'm on the Judiciary Committee so I'll get some of the activity. For instance, the anti-gay rights amendments will be coming up. I'll be working to stop those.

I've had several conversations with Steve about strategy. The gay rights cause, as most other civil liberties causes, is on the defensive in this congressional session. There will be a bill filed with hopefully as many cosigners as before. The more important role we'll have in this session as civil libertarians is to protect vulnerable groups against negative legislation. I'll be working very hard on that. An anti-gay rights amendment will be included with the legal services bill.

And the chances for the passage of a national gay rights bill?

Not with this Congress. Not with this Senate. Look, we have a Congress which would not today enact the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). I don't even know if we could get a majority of votes in the Senate. It certainly wouldn't come to a two-thirds vote in either house. So that's the context people have to understand.

A lot of very reactionary people got elected last November. There's no chance (for the enactment) of any positive legislation. There will still be a gay rights bill. I'm glad there is and I'll cosponsor it. The major efforts on this, based on conversations with the Gay Rights National Lobby, with whom I'll be working, is to try to prevent bad stuff.

I'm one of the cosigners of a letter which we circulated among members of Congress soliciting signatures of a bill to repeal the outrageous and offensive anti-homosexual provisions of the immigration law. That's another issue where I don't think we'll succeed right off the bat. I'm on the Subcommittee on Immigration, and I intend to work on immigration law that is used to prevent gay people from entering the United States.

FRANK'S ELECTION

Do you think, given the political climate, that it's remarkable you got elected last fall from a district which is not liberal, on the whole?

Yes, April 25, 1981



MARCUS, HANOVER STUDIOS

Barney Frank registering voters at the Charles St. Fair, September 1977.

There were a lot of negatives: The fact that I had moved from out of the district, the fact that I'm Jewish. There was an ad in the *Fitchburg Sentinel* the Friday before the final election which was headlined "Christians for Jones" . . . Jones being my opponent. It was a so-called "independent" ad. That's an interesting genre. It would have been like Paul Tsongas running an ad in 1978, when he was running against Ed Brooke, headed "White People for Tsongas."

There were a lot of handicaps. I guess I faced a two-fault handicap in the elections. One was that people were opposed to the notions I had of civil liberties, of protecting individual rights, of not having the government discriminate. Then some of these things got distorted. My work with regard to the Combat Zone was simple lied about and distorted. My work with regard to protecting gays against police harassment became a crazy notion of separate homosexual zones. I was carrying a lot baggage.

EL SALVADOR

As a member of Congress, you're in a position to vote on issues of international significance and you're confronted with a spectrum of issues that did not face you in the state legislature. What are your perspectives, taking a current crisis, on El Salvador?

El Salvador is a very serious mistake for the American government. Alexander Haig is a scary man. He ought to quit. If he doesn't quit, he ought to be fired. He isn't temperamentally suited for the job. His view of the world is a very, very disturbing one. He sees the world divided entirely into America versus Russia issues. Everything else, he expects, is to be totally subordinated so that as long as you say you're anti-communist, he doesn't care what you do to your own people. He doesn't care what degree of repression you practice against your own people. El Salvador is an example of the United States government going in and providing military aid and American soldiers . . . Let's cut the corn about the "trainers," "the technicians," "the advisors." That's what their function is. But what they are is American soldiers. We have sent American troops to El Salvador, only about 55 or 60 now. If we don't keep up our opposition, it may grow.

We've involved ourselves with a very right-wing, repressive group of people. I don't even call them a government because that junta is a very divided operation. Duarte, the president, is a very decent man, I'm told. But he's no more in control of that government than I am. He can't have much influence, I'm afraid, over the gangs — the military police that brutalize people . . . kill them. And the problem with Haig is that the only people who count are the ones who say

they're anti-communist. If they do, we give them our full support. I don't even think that's good anti-communism. It certainly is a lousy policy from the moral standpoint. It means, of course, we give aid and comfort to some of the worst people in the world — like the gang running the South Korean government. But it's also not a good anti-communist policy in a government like El Salvador. I think we're probably doing more to recruit the left opposition. The left opposition is not a communist opposition, per se. There are communist elements in it. But it's a much more diverse coalition. We're probably making more recruits for the most militant, pro-Cuban wing of that opposition by our unthinking support for the most militant efforts of the right.

The American government ought to stop giving aid to the El Salvador government until and unless it begins to recognize the basic human rights of its people. I could see government under Duarte being easy to support if it was a government where the military and police performed the way we think military and police should perform — not like thugs.

WEST BANK QUESTION

What is your view, your position on the West Bank policies of the Israeli government — the Begin government's support for Jewish settlements in the largely Palestinian West Bank area?

I was pleased with the Camp David accord provisions for autonomy of the West Bank; I think there ought to be a genuine autonomy. I don't think Israel can be expected to have an independent Palestinian state there with the Palestinian Liberation Organization talking about wanting to abolish, by force the state of Israel. I would like to see a genuine autonomy which would, of necessity, restrict settlement by Israelis. The autonomy ought to be fairly complete domestically. I did not support the Israeli government policy of putting in non-military necessary settlements. It was provocative and unwise from Israel's standpoint. I would guess nothing will happen until after the Israeli elections. It depends on what government comes in. Moshe Dayan, for instance, to the extent that he has some influence in that government . . . he believes in genuine autonomy for the Palestinians in a way that both protects Israel's security and gives some legitimacy to a government over a lot of domestic matters within the West Bank. That's carrying out the spirit of Camp David, and that's probably the best thing. Once that kind of operation was set-up, after five, seven, ten years, an evolution would be possible so that you might move to a next step. That would have to be something mutually negotiated.

NCPAC

The National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC) and other New-Right political groups have targeted Senator Edward Kennedy for defeat in his re-election bid next year. Do you think the New Right poses a threat to his re-election effort? And do you fear being swept under by the wake of their political activity in Massachusetts? There's no real threat to him here, I don't think. There's a threat he'll have to spend more money on his campaign and listen to a lot of nonsense. One of the characteristics of these people is their nastiness and their scant regard for the truth. I found in my campaign that if somebody misrepresents your position, you can, at least, deal with it. If they just make something up, as my opponent did in the final election, it's harder to deal with. How do you deal with something totally fabricated? You say, "It's not true." But then, people, say, "Aha, there must be something there." But I don't think Ted Kennedy is in any real trouble. They haven't got anybody to run against him. They'll put in a lot of money and talk a lot of nonsense. He'll beat them. By the way, they know they can't beat him. They see that he's a great way to raise money and rejuvenate their organizations.

REDISTRICTING

Let's focus on Massachusetts politics a bit.

Due to the population loss in this state over the last decade, as you know, Massachusetts will lose one of its congressional districts by the process of redistricting. The redistricting takes place this year. The election is next year. Your own district may well be targeted for re-shaping. Do you fear being squeezed out?

Oh, sure. Particularly when you're a freshman member of Congress, with this kind of a redistricting situation, you don't stop campaigning in one sense. I've been up every weekend. I try to see as many constituents as possible. Yeah, as the junior member of the delegation with a district that would be hard to justify as the most logical creation in the world, I'm vulnerable — so are several other members. There's no question about that. Potentially, I suppose everybody is although I wouldn't bet on the Speaker (Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.) being in much danger.

We're going to lose a seat. I hear the governor doesn't want to see Congressperson Margaret Heckler run against him. He'll press the legislature to protect her. For understandable reasons, he's not too crazy about me. He might like to see my district pulled apart. On the other hand, as long as Newton and Brookline are kept together (the core of my electoral strength based on the last election) I have a fighting chance.

LIFE GOAL

Some years back, I asked you what you thought as a kid you'd want to be when you grew up. You answered you'd either want to be in politics or be a stand-up comic. Are you glad you're in politics? Glad you're in Congress?

Oh, yeah, I want to die where I am . . . with a couple of years off for retirement, depending upon how fast I age. I feel lucky about that. There's uncertainty about redistricting. . . . It's funny, a little over a year ago, I turned 40. I was depressed that I was turning 40, and then I was depressed that I was depressed. I think of myself as being very rational. So then I got mad at myself for being depressed that I was turning 40 and that made it even worse. I was figuring, geez, the legislature's been a lot of fun. But it's not the place I want to spend the rest of my life. I didn't see anything further political opening up. Then all of a sudden the pope moved. I was terribly sorry he did. Bob Drinan really had been a magnificent national leader the last few years because of the depth of his commitment. But he was gone, and I had three hours to decide if I was going to run. And I did. Now, what a difference a year makes. A year ago, I was sitting around moping, feeling sorry for myself, making the life of everyone who came in contact with me miserable. Now, I'm delighted with where I am. If I can survive this redistricting, which I hope I can (I intend to do everything I can to see that I do), then I'll feel very lucky. I'm at a job I like, and I'll think I'll be good at. That's important. That's about as good a combination as you can get. And I want to stay there. I'm not running for Senate, for governor, for cabinet secretary.

There's a lot to be said for getting into a legislative body and staying there. Part of the influence in a legislative body is seniority. I want to stay there, here, for the rest of my life.

Growth Of A Gay Soccer League

By Hugh Murray

Near 100th Street in New York City's Central Park, on Thursday, September 4, 1980, the teams of Spike and Ramblers A battled in their first league game. Half a dozen players on adjacent fields seemed oblivious to the soccer game in progress. Nevertheless, the soccer game was historic, for it was the first match between two of the teams of the Ramblers Soccer Club — the first gay soccer club in North America. And the Ramblers were organizing the first gay soccer league in the world. How did this come to pass?



It was to be a European who would provide the inspiration.

In two issues of the weekly *Village Voice*, in May 1980 on its last page in the "Notice Board," the following ad appeared:

GAY SOCCER PLAYERS
WANTED to beat the police dept. and the N Y F[ire] D[epartment]
Phone Patrick #####

Patrick had placed the ad. A native of London of Irish extraction, 40, he had visited the U.S. on various occasions. He had played soccer in Britain with the Royal Air Force and had studied to become a professional coach. On previous visits to the States he had coached soccer, but it was in traditional assignments with rather conventional players. This time, however, he conceived the possibility of a gay soccer group, and in informal talks with acquaintances, Patrick was encouraged enough to promote the gay soccer project.

The *Voice* ad elicited serious calls and inquiries, as well as a few crank callers. Patrick set the first meeting for the apartment in which he resided in Manhattan's Upper West Side, and about 15 people attended on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 27. Some, especially those Latins who had grown up with the sport, implied that they played well. Others declared that they had not played for some years, and other confessed that they had rarely played before. The ages ranged from about 18 for some of the Latins to about 50 for the only British person present other than the coach.

The main issues to be settled at the first meeting were when and where we should play. One young man came from New Jersey, three enthusiasts resided in Brooklyn,

but the majority dwelled in Manhattan. Though Brooklyn's Prospect Park was suggested as a possible playing area, most felt we should gather in a more central location. We discussed playing in Riverside Park, in Greenwich Village, and in Central Park. As we had no permit, fields would have been already assigned to other groups, and playing anywhere in the crowded park might pose a problem. Someone proposed that we play in one of the small clearings in a gay cruising area in Central Park called the rambles. Another objected that the clearing was too small, hilly and thus inappropriate. But another countered by arguing that if we wanted to expand and recruit gay people, what better place than in a gay area of the park. Moreover, the scene would provide cover, literally (surrounded by trees), and figuratively to shelter us from possible straight competition until we were prepared to meet them in contest. The rambles was selected.

On a warm, sunny afternoon around 5:45 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 1980, the group began to gather round the lamppost on the northern end of the stairs of the Museum of Natural History, sitting on the ledge, and, in view of the heavy traffic on Central Park West, changing from Business suits, socks, and trousers into shorts, sneakers, and cleats. The group was small — seven and the coach. We waited till 6:25 for anyone else who might show, and then we trudged over the wall and through the wooded area to the clearing in the rambles. First, Patrick led the group in some general, warm-up exercises. We ran a lap around the field, or pitch, and then divided into two teams. Bags were placed so as to denote the two narrow goals. The play began, and it was evident that Carlos, 18 from South America, and Barry, around 35 from Washington State, were better players than Jim, about 25 from Brooklyn, Leon, 37



from Pennsylvania, Milton, about 30 from New Orleans, Jerry, about 32 from St. Louis, and Murray, 42 from New Orleans. Patrick refereed, blowing his whistle and shouting, "Play on! Play on!" At other times, Patrick played with us, joining the weaker team to make the tiny squads more equal. Moreover, when Patrick blew his whistle signaling a foul, he invariably

sided with the weaker and less experienced players. It was a policy that would eventually cause some turmoil, but it was one that promoted enthusiasm from those who had played little in the past, like Leon, Jerry, Murray, and Milton.

When the sun set, the weary players wandered back through the trees to the museum and then to the Wildwood, a gay bar, where we socialized and drank for an hour before departing on our separate destinies. The quality of play was low, the ball control, non-existent except for two of the players; nevertheless, there was an excitement that we were doing something special and healthy for ourselves and for the gay community.



The most important event for the Ramblers following the first and other similar games was the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade in late June in which Ramblers paraded in uniform, kicked the soccer ball over 60 blocks up 5th Avenue, and recruited. The club expanded in July with many new, good players, as well as beginners, many young players, some women, and many people of all races and nationalities. Some had played on straight teams in straight leagues. Among the newer players were: Leslie, a West Indian who had played on his island's national high school soccer team. At 25 he would become the assistant coach in the Ramblers Club. William, about 30 from Latin America, was another excellent player who also played on other teams. Andrew, about 28, from Europe, had played on his Old World's national team there and on other teams in New York.

On a large field near 100th Street the Ramblers Soccer League opened on Thursday, September 4 with a game between Spike and the Ramblers A squads. As neither team had a full slate of players present, members of the Wildwood team were temporarily reassigned to fill in as Spikes or A's. Spike captain, Carlos, now 19, had trouble imposing his will on some of the more experienced players, especially those who play on other teams in other, more for-

mal leagues. Spike back Andrew also had difficulties with Jack, who was refereeing with his broken arm in a cast. (He had broken it the previous week playing with the Club). The Rambler A's, with Leslie as captain scored and then increased their lead. During the second half, though Spike began to have opportunities to score, the Rambler A goal tender, Tommy, stopped almost every attempt. Near game's end Tommy dislocated a finger as he stopped the ball. Tommy, a native of Hungary, was the first straight player to join the group, though at first few were told of his orientation. He was an excellent player: he had played in the Maccabee Games, and he had gotten on well with others on the team. He did not accompany us for social drinks in the bar after the games, but otherwise, he was part of the team. Only after he got hurt, did he not return. The Rambler A's won 8-1.

The Ramblers played its first "public game" on Saturday, November 8. Carlos had made signs which were posted in gay bars in the Village and elsewhere. Non-players wearing old Rambler emerald shirts escorted people from the park's entrance on 98th St. to the field on which the game would be played. The Spike team in red and black uniforms was set to play the Wildwood in newly acquired tan and navy. The weather was crisp and beautiful, and there were some 60 spectators. Carlos was captain of Spike, and with Tony in



goal and Andrew as backfield sweeper, the defense was strong. Wildwood's captain was William, and Roy, a European and a certified coach, was in goal. The two teams were rather even, and it was scoreless through most of the 45 minutes of the first half until Andrew broke through Wildwood to score. In the second half, John, a straight player for Spike, scored the second goal. The final score was Spike 2, Wildwood 0. After the game a party was held at the Wildwood bar and a trophy awarded the winning Spike squad.

The Ramblers played a different type of game on Saturday, December 13. For the first time the Ramblers played a straight, male outside team — a scratch team that had been organized three years prior at Fordham University and had been playing together ever since. It was a cold and gray day; over sweatsuits the Ramblers wore the



Phoebe Koehler

Spike red and black uniforms; the Fordham team, blue. Only the best Ramblers were allowed to play under Leslie's captaincy. The Ramblers All Stars were: Roy (goal), William, Andrew, and Phil (backs), Tim, Kevin, Bob, and Neil (half-backs), Som, George, Sean, Leslie, Jim, and Jan forwards. On the sidelines cheering were Dave C., Carlos, Dave F., Jerry, Murray, Arthur and Lance.

The first half went very much in favor of the Ramblers, with the team pressuring Fordham's informal group. Sean frequently used the wing to approach their goal, while Tim often fed the ball to Lester who drove from the other wing. George pressed from the center, and both he and Leslie scored. There were many near goals, and the blue goalie was in constant action, for most of the play was in Fordham's half of the field. They had to install a new goal tender. Ramblers completely dominated that half, far more than the score of 2-0 would indicate. The second half was much closer with much more physical contact. Late in the game the Fordham group scored its only goal. Ramblers had won 2-1.

Nevertheless, a spectator observing the two teams was so impressed by the Ramblers squad he asked, "Can anyone join the Ramblers?" "Yes," was the reply. To be certain, he asked further, "I mean, you don't have to be gay to join?" He was assured that straights could be Ramblers and indeed one was at that moment on the field. Thus, a straight watching the play was more interested in joining the predominantly gay team. Gays had come a long way.

The Ramblers Indoor Soccer League kicked off with Wildwood defeating Spike 5-4 on Thursday, January 22, 1981. The gym was quite small, so the teams were small also. Following was an extremely lively game between Rawhide and Club 96, with the former winning 4-2. There were more than 40 people in the gym and the league had an impressive start. The other two bar teams in the league were Eagle and Nickle.

Jerry resigned as treasurer in January, to be succeeded by Bob. And in February Tim assumed the reigns of leadership of the club from Patrick. Tim has much to do to retain the momentum of the Ramblers who have accomplished

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To Your Health Care For Your Rectum

By Ron Vachon, P.A.

"Anal intercourse is a perfectly safe and beautifully expressive way for two men to have sex." The last time I said that, a straight man in the audience winced, raised his hand, and told the story of his last prostate exam being far from fun and games. He went on to express his surprise that "sodomy (such a lovely biblical term) was practised by so many gay men."

Far from being a sexual practice common to all gay men, anal intercourse (a bit clinical, but rectal sex and fucking don't really describe it any better) is enjoyed by many and merely tolerated by others who do it because sexual partners expect it

or sex isn't complete without it. To take a scientific approach for a minute, the facts are that anal intercourse's pleasure for the recipient is derived from the penis massaging nerves in the lower rectum that exist to help in defecation and from pressure on the prostate gland, where nerves associated with orgasmic contractions lie. All of these nerves give the fuckee (I can't stand the term "passive partner"; there's nothing passive about two men making love) the sensation of fullness . . . that they have achieved a bond that other sexual positions can't approach. With the proper lubrication and relaxation, that bond can be main-

tained to orgasm.

Novices often ask why they ended up (no pun intended) with fistulas (tears in the rectal lining), hemorrhoids (enlarged or "varicose" veins in the wall of the anus or rectum), with pain and bleeding for days. Without proper lubrication, relaxation, and positioning, these do occur.

Relaxation A good rule of thumb in all sexual gymnastics is "If you have to get high to do it, don't do it!" Relaxing the muscles that control what goes in and what comes out of the anus/rectum can be learned by inserting a steadily increasing number of your own fingers, well lubed. Trim your nails to

avoid cutting the skin. Play with your anus for as many times as it takes to feel the pleasure. Try to figure out for yourself what negative feelings you have accumulated about that area of your body. Note: don't use dildoes or other playthings at this point. Fingers don't tend to get lost as easily.

Lubes The rectum has no natural juices. Water-based lubricants (like K-Y) tend to dry out with friction; oil-based lubes are difficult to wash off, thus harboring bacteria or other nasties. A lot of people just use spit; that's fine in large quantities. Albolene comes highly recommended. Personally, I find coconut oil (Hain

is the brand available at health food stores) both easily washable and pleasant tasting!

Position Get yourself a trusted partner; discuss what you want to do ahead of time. Play for a while . . . have him insert a finger or two into your rectum. With your trusty partner on his back, sit on his well-lubed penis, asking him not to hump up. Now you're in control of how fast and how much of his penis goes in. Take your time. If it hurts, stop and play some more. Once his penis is completely in, you can assume any position in the book and your partner can hump to his heart's content, assuming

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Coming Out

Walking A New Road

By E.J. Graff

When I think of my coming out story, I think less of the final breakthrough, the time I touched a woman, than I do of the years of lying to myself that came before. It was hard to ignore the crush I had on Lee Fisher when I was 15, but I tried. We dunked each other in a lake on a Girl Scout hiking trip called "Walk a New Road" and immediately became friends. After a few days of sharing a tent with this gentle, funny, nonconformist girl I'd just met, I started to feel dizzy and high pitched and breathless when she was near. I tried not to notice but I did: I wanted to kiss her, I wanted to roll next to her and touch her breasts. I was scared.

So I acted crazy, like the strange artsy type I was supposed to be. I ran around the campsite and told ridiculous singsong stories and pummeled trees—oh, the poor trees!—and teased my other friends and refused to speak to Lee. Not that there was anything wrong with being "bisexual," I wrote in my diary, months later, when I finally had the courage to write it down—it was just that I'd rather be normal.

By fall, I'd managed to hide all those abnormal thoughts in a corner of my mind where I never looked, and got a nice healthy crush on Craig, whom I pursued studiously through English class and drama club. By the spring of that school year, I managed to get Craig to kiss me, despite the fact that I'd discovered that what I'd thought was mystery and depth was just dull silence. It was a rather dry uninteresting kiss, but I didn't care. I was 16 and I finally had my badge of femaleness, my proof of maturity: I'd kissed a boy.

I stayed in touch with Lee for a couple of years, spent the night at her house, read her my poems and listened to her songs. But we didn't live in the same town and we drifted apart. After she told me she was gay, I decided I really didn't have the time to see her again, that I had too many other friends to keep up with, whom I was closer to: like Catherine, to whom I wrote miserable eight-page typewritten letters the year she was sent away to Greece, like Sarah, with whom I spent every waking minute my first year in college until she made another best friend and stopped seeing me. Soon after she did, I cut up my wrist with a razor, but at the time I made no connection between the two events.

No, I was normal, and proving

it as often as possible with whatever men would help. I knew from books that love and sex weren't connected, so it was okay that I didn't give a shit about the men I slept with and could rarely stand to see them again.

The ultimate proof of my normalcy came with my first sustained relationship with a man. It's hard at this distance to decipher what I really felt about him. I think I loved him, though I constantly jabbed by saying we'd never last. I was eternally independent and didn't believe in romance. I called off our long-planned spring vacation together without a minute's hesitation when I had the chance to visit Sara, who'd moved away.

Soon afterwards, we broke up. I hadn't a single friend. I was desperately lonely. I joined the women's center.

This was a move I'd put off for a year, afraid of the kind of women who might belong. The first time I walked into a meeting, I realized that my fear had been correct. After attrition, I was one of three straight women in the 15 women group. I felt isolated and constantly watched, but I stuck it out. This was my chance, after all, to figure out what was wrong with some women that made them lesbians. I kept my distance and waited for clues.

Meanwhile, random sex was getting harder. I would spend hours the next day in the bathtub and still feel dirty. Once, in the middle of sex, I imagined I was kissing a woman, and relaxed for a minute. Then I stopped the fantasy, appalled. Could I be...?

I couldn't talk to my straight friends about it: they might think I'd attack them. I wasn't close enough to the lesbians I knew to discuss anything with them, and

anyway, God only knew what they might do. And I couldn't continue with men.

Bless the women's center dyke who thought of inviting me to the Michigan Women's Music Festival. As soon as I heard of it, I knew my old pal Lee would be there, the only person I could think of to talk to. She was gay, she was a musician, she loved the outdoors, she'd moved to Michigan, she'd have to be there. My friends thought I was nuts when I said I was going to find this long lost friend, but I knew. I recruited two straight friends to go with me as protection, a bag, and got a ride.

It was terrifying. There were women necking right out in the open, the suffocating euphoria of being among 5,000 women, concerts marked "lesbian only"—I walked around in a bewildered daze, wondering what I was, hoping and fearful that someone would touch me.

Until I found Lee. "What are you doing here?", she said, astonished. "I'm a woman," I said with the glibness I didn't feel.

"Are you gay?", she asked.

"Lee, I have to talk to you," I said, and we slid off into the woods.

Dizzy, high pitched and breathless we were as we confessed to the crushes we'd had on each other that year in Girl Scouts. I couldn't look anywhere but in her eyes, and I couldn't possibly look into her eyes...

That's it. My first crush brought me out at the Michigan Women's Festival. Two weeks later, I told everyone I knew—past and current friends, my mother, my professors—and I've worn buttons ever since. God forbid I should slip back into the foggy past and forget, even for a minute, that I am a lesbian.

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NOTE: The foreskin that covers the head of the penis may trap germs which can cause infections. Therefore, special attention should be given to washing the uncircumcised penis.

When vaccines against gonorrhea and syphilis will have been developed, personal hygiene will remain necessary to prevent other sexually transmitted diseases. For example: A gonorrhea vaccine will not prevent approximately half of the reported cases of male urethritis which are not gonorrhea.

PAGE 3: SOME ASPECTS OF PERSONAL HYGIENE AND DISEASE PREVENTION FOR MALE AND FEMALE

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Phone Calls

By Martin H. Krieger

I've been receiving phone calls. I placed an ad in the Boston *Phoenix* under Housemates for a GM to share an apartment. About half the callers are looking for a place to live. Some of them also want to come out, find true love, and get passable sex. The other half of the callers are not looking for an apartment at all.

There are the breathers. I get an inkling of what women endure in such experiences. Most of us make sense of the world through talk and sight, and breathers represent that most anxiety provoking experience, nothingness with a hint of possibility. The phone company says that the best response is to hang up.

Then there are the guys looking for a good time. Since the calls come to my study when I am writing, seemingly protected and trying to keep my attention on my work, they are not what I need at that moment. I am tempted, talking with them for a while, being excited. But I get scared. Also, I really do want to finish my manuscript on time. I won't know what I am missing. It is one of the facts of my life in lots of other ways too.

The jerk-off calls are a mixture of the breather and the good-timer. I can see how I could become involved with such experience. But I do not. I'm too hung up. It does not seem proper for me. And — again — I'm writing.

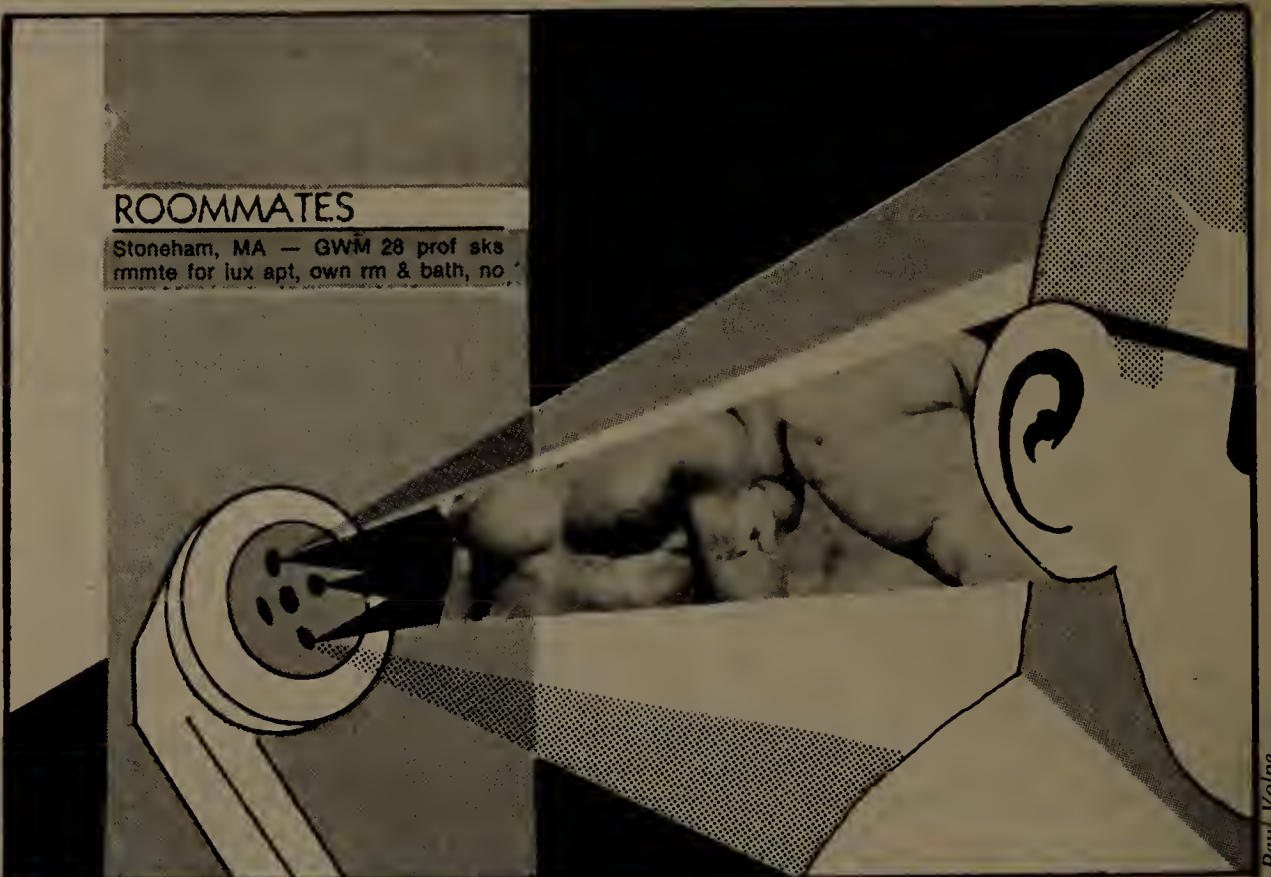
Some of the callers seem like decent enough fellows — men I might actually like were I to meet them in more congenial circumstances. There's not much to do about it unless I can transform the conversation to one in which we become more human for each other. So I try.

One fellow was looking for a good time on New Year's Eve. I was invited to dinner just that afternoon, but my original plan

was to go to the gay poetry reading. My mind was on that event. After talking to him for a while, and discovering he was gay in sex only, and that he was depressed about being alone on New Year's, I suggested that he go to the reading. It would have provided a safe and comfortable gay atmosphere. Only in retrospect did I realize how strange it must have sounded to him.

There was a truck driver, a few accountants, a scientist, and so forth. I encouraged a married man of 36 to tell his wife, or at least deal more directly with his homosexual experiences, but he seemed more interested in some early morning action. He was polite enough not to hang up on me. I did the best I could in each case. I began to say right at the start that it was not a sex ad. Some callers then kindly hung up. Others conversed for a while — perhaps hungry for, a decent person to talk with about being gay — and then they gave me random telephone numbers for contacting them about the apartment. One fellow and I talked a while (he really wanted an apartment) and we might get together for lunch sometime.

I came to cope with the calls by becoming a pastoral hot-line. One man who was just coming out wanted to know more about me. This was early on, and I innocently gave him my height and weight when he asked, "How big are you?" When he asked again, "How big?", I got the point and then told him he ought to be reading *GCN* and maybe he ought to go to some of the bars or try some counseling. The question about size was not crucial. What was crucial is that he was just coming out, and like many of the other callers, gay in sex only. Holding up *GCN*, like holding up a Bible to thwart the devil, is perhaps ludicrous. But as lots of



readers attest, it is their salvation. (I should note that the "How big?" question has resonance in philosophy — epistemology and skepticism in particular — where asking the question itself changes our plain ordinary world into a fetishized, scientific, alienated one.)

I know I am moralizing and uptight, and they called me for an apartment not counseling. Still

Rectum

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you feel good about what's happening.

Do I have to take an enema or douche before rectal sex?

Not necessary. A normal bowel movement removes all feces from the rectum. Many people do feel better/cleaner after douching. If you do, use plain warm tap water, without soaps or other added ingredients that could irritate the rectal mucosa. One good douche bag is a Fleets Enema that can be had at most pharmacies. Just reuse it with plain water.

they'll get my opinion, a defense which I hope is a good offense too.

I'm a teacher. I do not stop being a teacher when I leave my campus. It does not always help in my personal relationships. (I tend to lecture during a promenade.) So it is not surprising that I responded to the calls the way I did. And as in my lectures and teach-

ing, my dealing with others provides me with temptations — carnal and intellectual — and chances to articulate my own positions on matters moral, political, and theoretical. I would like to believe that these men will get what they want, and along the way they shall come to desire what seems to me to be more liberating and whole.

Won't the anal sphincter muscle stretch with use?

Not a chance. There are no long-term ill effects to anal intercourse. I have examined many older gay men who have enjoyed it for years without any stretching of the sphincter.

Should I have routine rectal examinations?

By all means... along with regular (every three months) sexually transmitted disease checkups. You don't need a proctologist (specialist in the lower intestinal tract) to do this. A four inch plastic or

metal tube is inserted into the rectum for visual inspection. Gay medical providers are especially adept at this.

So, folks, there you have it; the story of anal intercourse. Most medical people who don't enjoy it will tell you that it's hazardous and painful. A lot of gay medical people see the damage that is done subsequent to no relaxation, bad lube, and excessive drugs to help "get into it." But the pleasure is real... trust me!

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Voices in the Night

Chapter 13

By Andrea Loewenstein
In this, their final episode in "Voices," Manny Brighton and his older, more settled lover, David, attempt to resolve some of the differences which led to their temporary separation.

"Listen, if you want to be controversial, why don't you just go out and protest the draft." David pushed his hand through his slightly receding hairline again. "Join that task force, what's it's name. Monitor the TV or something. Go babysit for lesbian mothers. Give a 13 hour poetry reading. Start writing for that inane hippy paper, *Fruit-Root*. They had an article the other day on eating shit. That ought to be shocking enough. Just spare me this ridiculous business."

"Well, there's always PABLUM. I'm sure they could use another active member," Manny pretended to consider.

"PABLUM! If it's possible, that's worse! Anyway, since when are you into children? I didn't notice any kids over at Sam the Executioner's. There probably were some, though. Just think, a prison term! Getting raped by those tough convicts! That must have provided an extra little thrill!"

"Look, if we're going to talk about this, let's talk. If you're going to call names, and run your mouth about something you don't know anything about, I have better things to do." Manny put on his jacket as if he was about to walk out the door. "And would you stop calling Sam that!"

David shrugged. "What else am I supposed to call this guy dressed all in black with a whip in one hand and a medieval torture instrument in the other? That's just what he looked, too, medieval. I thought we were past the days when the Christian penitents went around flagellating themselves and

each other for their sins, but apparently we're not. Anyway, that's what you two do to each other, isn't it? Torture? Might as well call things by their right names."

"No David, I've tried to tell you a hundred times. Torture is when you inflict pain, against someone's will. What Sam and I, or me and whoever, do, isn't pain. It's pleasure, because we enjoy it. And it's consensual, which is the total opposite of torture."

"Oh Bull! Don't tell me someone screwing metal clamps on your private parts is *pleasure*!" David shivered at the thought, and quickly passed a hand over himself to make sure no metal clamps had been stuck on him when he wasn't looking. "At least *some* things in the world are still objective, I hope!"

"What's objective, seeing things your way?" They both stopped, and Manny saw them, posed at either end of the couch like adversaries on a chess board or something. He allowed himself to smile, just a little. After a moment, David started, again, on a new note.

"I'm not backing down on our new deal. I know you have your freedom now, you can go out and trick till the cows come home as long as I don't have to deal with it here. But this feels different. See, it doesn't bother me when I think of you doing that shit to someone else. But I love you, and when I think of you just laying there and letting some creep hurt you I can't stand it."

"Well, I'm glad you don't want me to hurt, Baby," Manny said. "Which is much more likely to happen on the streets of this lovely city of ours than in some safely locked apartment."

"I know that," David agreed. "Do you think I'm an asshole to worry about this when it feels like everything's blowing up around us?"

Out on Brimpton Street it was still light. Little leaves were out, gummy and bright green, on the few small trees. "I wonder how Bell and Ann deal with this kind of stuff," Manny mused, as they walked toward Nadine's restaurant and bar.

"What, one of *them* is into getting tied up?", David asked. "I don't believe it."

"No, not that I know of, anyway," Manny said. "I mean differences, things they just can't resolve. Maybe we should ask them."

"Please! Don't mention S and M to them! One of them will probably have hysterics right in the restaurant! You know how judgmental women are. How prudish."

"Well, that would mean they'd agree with *you*, wouldn't it? But anyway, you have it all wrong. Remember, I *stayed* with Ann for two days when a certain person kicked me out of my home. She's not completely ignorant about my life. And she's a lot less judgmental and prudish than some men I could name."

"OK, so I'm not politically correct about women either. Why did you ever get mixed up with the older generation anyway? You should go find yourself some 20 year old kid with a good whip hand and all the right ideas! I'm already making a fool out of myself in this damn Karate class, I said you could trick, I even told my class Walt Whitman was a faggot. What more do you want me to do in one week?"

Manny didn't answer him. "It's funny," he mused, instead, "how even arguing with you feels... I don't know, real." They were walking close together, touching hands, but keeping their eyes out in case anyone came by. "I feel like I'm *with* you when I'm with you, not like I'm off on some other planet, talking to myself."

"Is that how you felt with

Sam?" David asked him, a little shyly.

"Yeah, it was, a lot of the time. To tell you the truth that's how I've mostly felt, except with you." They heard laughing then, and looked up to see Ann and Bell coming down the street toward them. Ann had plucked a twig of forsythia, and was trying to arrange it in her hair. "Take that off!" Bell was saying. "It's got bugs crawling on it! Hey, you two," she called out when she saw them. We thought you forgot, So we were coming to get you. Aren't you glad winter's over?"

"Yeah," Manny agreed. It seems like it's been a long one." And the four of them went into Nadine's as night began to fall.

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so much in so short a time.

The Ramblers continue, but this article must conclude. A few things should be noted and emphasized. Gays can be in sports and can play well. At this writing, the Ramblers have never lost a game to a straight team. While the Ramblers are for beginners up, and some players are novices and unskilled, others are excellent. One player has played on a European national team. Another played on an island high-school team, and later a national field hockey team. Another was a coach of the year in a tri-state area in tennis and swimming. Another won many medals in a swimming contests. Yet another played in the Maccabee Games. Others play on non-gay teams in non-gay leagues and do well.

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Union, UMass, Amherst, 01002	545-0154
Williams Gay Peoples Union	
S.U. Box 3212, Williams College, Williamstown 01267	

Connecticut (203)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Conn. Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 1139,	
New Haven 06505	
Gay Switchboard, Hartford, M-S 1-11 pm,	
Sun 1-5 pm, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101	522-5575
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, New Haven,	
P.O. Box 72, 06501	
M-F 8-11 pm	624-6869
Gay Spirit (WWUH, 91.3FM) Thurs 8:30pm	
Gay Youth	624-6869
George W. Henry Foundation (counseling),	
45 Church St., Hartford 06103	522-2646
Greater Hartford Lesbian & Gay Taskforce	249-7691
Institute of Social Ethics/Gay National Archives,	
One Gold St., Suite 22-BC, Hartford 06103	547-1281
NAMBLA/CT	624-6869

WOMEN

Gay Women's Collective, c/o Women's Center,	
Box U-118, UConn, Storrs 08268	486-4738
Heartroots Feminist Therapy Collective,	522-2763
214 Laurel St., Hartford 06105	747-5451
Shorelnewoman	481-3575
Women's Center, Hartford, 57 Pratt St.,	
Rm 301, Hartford 06103	525-2382
Women's Center, Manchester Community	
College, P.O. Box 1046, Manchester, 06040	646-4900
Women's Center, UConn, Box U-118,	
Storrs 06828	486-4738
Women's Center, Wesleyan, Box WW,	
Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457	347-9411
Women's Liberation Center, New Haven,	
614 Orange St., New Haven 06510	436-2488

STUDENT

Eros, Gay Students at Trinity College	
c/o Chaplain's Office, Hartford 06106	527-3151
Gay Alliance at Yale,	
P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520	
Gay Alliance, UConn, Box U-8, Storrs, 06268	486-2273
Gay Alliance, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center,	
Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown, 06457	347-9411
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, So. Conn. St. College,	
386 Sherman Ave., New Haven 06511	865-2802
Gay Community, Conn. College	442-7458
P.O. Box 1295, New London 06320	
Gay Student Ctr. Yale	
Box 2031, New Haven 06520	
Lesbian/Gay Student Alliance UConn	523-4841 x-267
W. Hartford 06117	
Lesbians, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center,	
Box WW, Wesleyan St., Middletown 06457	347-9411
Yalesbrians, P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta.,	
New Haven 06520	

RELIGIOUS

Dignity/Fairfield County.	
P.O.Box 348, Belden Sta. Norwalk, 06850	
Dignity/Hartford, P.O. Box 72, Hartford 06141	233-8325
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 285, West Haven 06516	
Integrity/Hartford, P.O. Box 3681,	
Central Sta., Hartford 06103	522-2646
Integrity/New Haven, P.O. Box 1777,	
New Haven 06507	787-1518
MCC/Hartford, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101	522-5575
MCC/New Haven, P.O. Box 1273,	
New Haven 06505	777-9808

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

Gay AA (Danbury)	748-5341
Gay Health Workers at YNH, H,	
Box 2031, Yale St., New Haven, 06520	436-8354
Moonseed (counseling)	727-0379

Rhode Island (401)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Gay Help Line	751-3322
Box 5671, Weybosset Hill Sta. 02903	8pm-midnight
Gay Community Services of R.I.,	728-9269
Box 6563, Providence 02940	728-6023

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

Providence Gay Group of AA	331-2047
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WOMEN

Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle Women's Center,	
186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912	863-2189
Lesbian Feminist Union, Sarah Doyle Center	
Box 1829 Brown Sta., Providence 02912	863-2189
Support Group for Gay Women Over 25	
Box 755, Pawtucket 02860	942-5368

STUDENT

Brown/RISD Gay Students, Box 49, Brown U.,	
Providence 02912	863-3062
Providence Gay Youth Group	272-9247

RELIGIOUS

Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861	724-0132
MCC/Providence, 5 Junction St., Providence	272-9247
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and	
handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom	272-8482

New Hampshire (603)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Dignity/Integrity 52 Pleasant St., Concord 03301	485-3144
Nashua Area Gays, P.O.Box 3472,	
Nashua 03061	Paul 888-1305
NH Coalition of Lesbians & Gay Men	
Box 521, Concord 03301	485-5770
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301; Concord 224-3785,	
746-3339; Portsmouth 431-1541; Nashua 889-1416	
Keene 339-4327	
Speakers Bureau, Box 521, Concord 03301	

MEN

Central N.H. Men's Support Group	
31 Union St., Concord 03301	228-8049
Seacoast Gay Men, P.O. Box 1394	Portsmouth 03801

WOMEN

Full Circle, monthly feminist news	
journal, P.O. Box 235, Contoocook, NH 03229	
Lesbian Femlnist Collective, Box 47, Penacook	

STUDENT

Campus Gay Awareness, Mem. U, UNH	
Durham 03824	
Dartmouth Gay Students' Assoc.	
Hinman Box 5057, Hanover 03755	

Vermont (802)

Gay Hotline, U of VT	656-4173
Gay Student Union, U of Vt,	
Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm	656-4173
Gay People at Middlebury	
Box D56, Middlebury College, 05753	
Middlebury Gay Men's Support Group	(eves) 338-6819
Southern Vermont Lesbians/Gay Men's	
Coalition, P.O. Box 1034, Brattleboro 05301	
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center,	
187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701	775-1946
Women's Center, P.O. Box 92 Burlington 05401	863-1236
Integrity, P.O. Box 11 Winooski, 05404	

Maine (207)

Bates Gay/Straight Alliance, Health Ctr. Bates College, Lewiston 04240	
Bowdoin College Gay/Straight Alliance, Box 780, Brunswick 04011	725-8731 x420
Center for Being, 8 Rocky Hill Estates Brunswick 04011	729-1750
Dignity/Maine, Box 7021, Lewiston 04240	
Down East Gay Alliance, Box O, Ellsworth 04605	
Gay Peoples Alliance 92 Bedford St., Portland 04103	780-4085
Mainly Gay, P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112	
Northern Lambda Nord, P.O. Box 990, Caribou 04736	
Maine Lesbian Feminists P.O. Box 125, Belfast 04915	
Midcoast Gay Men, P.O. Box 1146, Rockland 04841	
Portland Women's Community c/o D. Elze, 15 Deering Ave., Portland 04101	
Wilde-Stein Club, c/o Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono 04473	
Parents & Friends of Gays	563-5856

Calendar

weekly events

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Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Regularly scheduled sports events (with info #s): volleyball 266-2147; running 825-0181; swimming 227-5363; tennis 744-5498; scuba 899-7630; fencing 731-6344; biking 275-1336; basketball 236-1914; rollerskating 625-3314.

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Regularly scheduled events: basketball, swimming, volleyball and running. Info: 327-2620.

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sunday

Boston, MA — Boston Area Coalition for Cuban Aid and Resettlement (BACCAR) open meeting for potential sponsors of gay and lesbian Cuban refugees and also for other interested persons. Arlington St. Church. Every Sunday at 3pm. Info: 723-2997 (8-12pm).

Boston, MA — "Boston's Other Voice," weekly discussions of problems facing the gay community. News, interviews, calendar, music. 10:30pm. (WROR, 98.5FM)

Boston, MA — Oasis, a Coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Open hoot. Bring your talents and your instruments and sign up at the door. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Doors open at 7:30pm. No admittance after 8. \$2.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Folk-dancing. Third Sunday of the month (see also Saturdays). Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. 12:30-2:30pm. Beginners welcome. Info: Beth 666-4278 or Michael 492-1339.

Boston, MA — Gay AA meets at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Gay men and women. 2:30pm

Cambridge, MA — Merrymount Musical Society, a musical group for gay men and lesbians, offering informal concerts on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Interested musicians (& listeners!) call Mark 236-4888 or Rachel 742-7997.

Boston, MA — Musically Speaking, women's programming. Music, ideas, announcements. Call Melanie at 494-8810 with events and comments. (WMBR-FM 88.1) Sundays 1-3pm.

Boston, MA — Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England. Meets every 2nd Sunday at 2pm. Info: (617) 482-6874 or 247-5485.

Cambridge, MA — Gays at MIT (GAMIT) meets at 5pm. Walker Memorial Bldg. 142 Mem. Dr. 3rd fl. Everyone welcome. Info: 253-5440.

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space, a weekly news, interviews and music program for lesbians and gay men. On WCAS, 740AM. 11am.

coming events.

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Worcester, MA — "The rise of the New Right: Can gay politics survive?" Ellen Gardner. Jefferson Hall, Clark U. 8pm.

Boston, MA — Special night at the Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Music, poetry and entertainment with Sherry Padone, Sharon Amity, Mimi Jones and Robin White. \$3 to benefit the Massachusetts delegates going to the National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Rights. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). 8-10pm.

22 wed

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Katherine Triantafyllou, wonderful women's music. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. Wed. Is all women's night. \$3.

23 thurs

Boston, MA — GCN NEEDS HELP PROOF-READING AND LAYING OUT THE PAPER. IT'S FUN! SEE THURSDAYS ABOVE FOR DETAILS.

Boston, MA — Spring Auction at Buddies to benefit the Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). 733 Boylston St., 8pm.

Acton, MA — Central Middlesex Social Club meets at 7:30pm. All invited. Info: 263-9607.

Orleans, MA — Shoreline, a gay social group, alternative to the bars, on Cape Cod. Meets every 2nd Sunday. Info: P.O. Box 1614, Orleans, MA 02653.

Granfield, MA — Gay Men of Franklin County. Every third Sun. Green River Cafe, Osgood St. 7pm.

Concord, NH — NH Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men. First Sun. of the month. 1-5pm. Statewide political action group. Info: 228-8049.

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: bring your talents and instruments and sign up at the door. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). 7:30pm. \$2. All are welcome.

monday

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee meets every Mon eve at 7:30pm at the BAGLY Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth office, 128A Tremont St. (across from Park St. stop), 4th floor. Come help plan for our June celebration! Info: 262-4777 (Voice and TTY).

Cambridge, MA — Parents and Friends of Gays meet on the first Monday of the month. 7:15pm sharp at the Episcopal Theological Seminary Library, 99 Brattle St. Info: 542-5188 or write: PFOG, 40 Cogswell Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

Boston, MA — The Front Runners running group. Jogging, running and racing for men and women. Weekly runs on Esplanade: M,W,F at 8 PM Info: 825-0181.

Somerville, MA — Women's Center Coffeehouse. 7:30-10:30pm. Entertainment for women every Mon. eve. at the Women's Center, 38 Union Sq. (above laundromat). Food and non-alcoholic refreshments. \$1 donation. Info: 623-9340.

Amherst, MA — Gay/Lesbian/Bi Rap Group. UMass Campus Center. 6:30-9pm. Info: 545-0154.

Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.

Battleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Gay Men meet every 4th Monday at the Common Ground, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

Nashua, NH — Meeting of Nashua Area Gays. 8pm. Info: Paul 888-1305, or write: Nashua Area Gays, P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

Boston, MA — Gay People of B.U. Meeting. Hartman Lounge, basement School of Theology, 745 Comm. Ave. 8-10pm.

tuesday

Boston, MA — Boston Area Gay and Lesbian Schoolworkers (BAGALS) meets on the first Tuesday of each month, for support and political action. 355 Boylston St. (church annex). 7:30pm. Refreshments.

Cambridge, MA — Friends Meeting at Cambridge. Draft counseling. Every Tuesday at 3:30 and 7:30pm. 5 Longfellow Park (near Harvard Sq.) Info: 876-6883.

Boston, MA — Proud Pansy Productions, a newly formed gay men's cultural collective, announces "An Evening of Entertainment for Feminist Men," featuring gay singer/songwriter Eric Law and a showing of the film "Gender." Refreshments. 7:30pm. \$2.5 sliding scale. All men are welcome. No one excluded.

Boston, MA — Poetry reading with Karen Lindsey and Marge Piercy at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. (near Gov't Ctr.) 7:30pm. Childcare provided. Requested donation \$3.50 to benefit the Women's Community Health Center. Tickets available at Somewhere, New Words and WCHC. Wheelies welcome. Info: 547-2302.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation. Expression evening. All women always welcome. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 8pm. Info: 354-8807.

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Deb Huston, original music. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. Everyone welcome. \$3.

24 fri

Boston, MA — GCN ALWAYS NEEDS HELP SENDING OUT THE PAPER ON FRIDAY EVENINGS. IT'S FUN! SEE FRIDAYS ABOVE FOR DETAILS.

Cambridge, MA — Open Lesbian and Gay Poetry Reading. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. 8pm. All are invited to come and read!

New Bedford, MA — Rap group at the Aid Center. 18 S. Water St. 8-10pm. Info: 999-3141.

Uxbridge, MA — Support and Discussion Group for Lesbians. Eves, 7:30pm. Info: 278-5475.

Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm (First Tues.) Info: 249-7691.

wednesday

Boston, MA — Gay Youth Rap. Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). For all between the ages of 14 and 22. 7-9pm. 128A Tremont St. (near Park St. stop), 4th floor. Info: BAGLY 338-9472 or the Hotline: 426-9371.

Boston, MA — Walk-In VD screening and treatment for and by gay men. 6:30-8pm. Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St. (near Auditorium stop). 267-7573.

Boston, MA — Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus meets at 7:30pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Info: 471-8404.

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) meeting. 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: 542-5679.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. 35+ women's discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. Second Wed. and last Fri. of each month.

Lynn, MA — North Shore Gay AA weekly meeting. Lynn Community Health Center, 86 Lafayette Park. 7pm. Info: 599-5928.

Providence, RI — Transvestite/transsexual meetings. 8pm. Info: 272-9247.

thursday

BOSTON, MA — GAY COMMUNITY NEWS NEEDS HELP PROOFREADING AND LAYING OUT THE PAPER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. PROOFREADING BEGINS 5:15 AND LAYOUT ABOUT 7:30. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD TIMES! 22 BROMFIELD ST. (NEAR PARK ST.) INFO: 426-4469.

Boston, MA — North American Man Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). Regular meetings on 1st and 3rd Thurs. 8pm. Glad Day Bookshop, 22 Bromfield St. (near Park St.) Info: 542-0144.

Boston, MA — Oasis Club. Food, disco, rap sessions and games. 9pm-4am every Thursday. 79 Broadway St. (Bay Village) in the Downtown Club. Gay club for everyone 18 and over. \$3 membership. Info: 338-8831.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harv. Sq.) 8pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 681-3633.

Cambridge, MA — "The life and times of Rosie the Riveter" and "The Jewish Anarchists" will be shown at the Red Book Store, 138 River St. 7:30pm. Tonight thru Sun. \$1.75 to benefit the Prison Book Program. Info: 524-6895.

Cambridge, MA — AmTikva Sabbath Service. 8pm. 312 Memorial Dr. Bring Passover snacks. Info: 524-1617.

Boston, MA — Benefit Concert at the Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston St. Featuring Latin and women's music. \$3 to benefit the People's Anti-war Mobilization for May 3rd March on the Pentagon (including a Lesbian and Gay Focus). 8pm. Info: 424-1176.

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Pat Ouellette and Katie Tolles, funmusicopolitics. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Everyone welcome. Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. \$3.

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Boston, MA — Nutrition and Relaxation: Physical aspects of recovery. A workshop for lesbian and gay alcoholics and their friends. 8:30am-4pm. Sliding scale. Info: 542-5188.

Boston, MA — Calamus Poets will read at Victor Hugo Book Shop, 339 Newbury St. (near Auditorium) 7pm. Donation.

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Jean Gauthier, original

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation. A leaderless support group meeting every Thursday from 8-10pm. Newcomers welcome. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston, MA — Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project. 7:30pm. Info: 426-7351.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Somerville, MA — Lesbian Support Group for younger women. Somerville Women's Center, 38 Union Square, (2nd floor over laundromat). 6pm. Info: 623-9340.

New York, NY — Biweekly gay male "S/M" support group. 8pm. Info: Brian 243-3332 (6-10pm).

New York, NY — General meeting of the Committee of Lesbian and Gay Male Socialists at NY Marxist School, 151 W 19th St. 7th floor. 7:30pm. Info: 988-3012.

Boston, MA — N.U. Lambda, Northeastern University's social and support group for lesbians, gay men and their friends meets every Thursday at 245 Ell Center. 7pm.

Northampton, MA — Pioneer Valley Gay People's Alliance is now forming. Meetings on first and third Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 586-5979.

friday

BOSTON, MA — WE NEED HELP SENDING OUT GCN EVERY FRIDAY EVENING. COME BY FOR A FEW HOURS ANYTIME AFTER 6 AND SHARE ENERGY. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD TIMES!!! WOMEN AND MEN WELCOME. 22 BROMFIELD ST. (NEAR PARK ST.)

Boston, MA — Gay male cultural production group forming in Boston for local and national entertainers. Any interest or experience, call Dimid at (617) 445-3604. Leave message.

Pittsfield, MA — Lesbians United meetings. Info: Women's Services Center, 499-2425.

saturday

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) drop-in center and occasional trips/activities for lesbians and gay youth 14-22. 1pm on. 128A Tremont St. (across from Park St. sta.) 4th floor. Info: BAGLY 338-9472 (esp Wed & Thurs eves) or 426-9371 (eves).

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Folk-dancing. First Saturday of the month. 3-5pm followed by a potluck dinner. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. Beginners welcome. (See also Sundays). Info: Beth 666-4278 or Michael 492-1339.

lesbian music. Everyone welcome. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. \$3.

26 sun

Boston, MA — Black and White Men Together/Boston. Wine tasting party. Info: 566-7466 (call before April 22).

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis Open House. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. Refreshments and conversation. All women are welcome. 3-6pm. Info: 661-3633.

Worcester, MA — "Straight talk about lesbians," a slide show followed by a discussion with its author/producer Liz Diamond. 7pm. Room OL 218, Clerk U. (corner of Main & Downing Sts.).

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Cape Cod Canal Bike Trip. Info: Vince (617) 255-1081.

28 tues

Boston, MA — Benefit Concert for '81 Womyn's Theater Festival. Cauldron Experimental Theater. Blitzten Lisa Pontoppidan New Women's Chorus. Womyn Only. 22 Randolph St. Safety walks from Dover T stop. Info: 965-1190 or 254-5110.

22 may

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Martha's Vineyard Camping and Bike Trip. Info: John (617) 275-1336.

The deadline for Calendar Items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.